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RE: **Complaint of AVR of Tennessee, LP d/b/a Hyperion of Tennessee, LP Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Enforce Reciprocal Compensation and "Most Favored Nation" Provisions of the Parties' Interconnection Agreement**

        Docket No. 98-00530

Dear Mr. Hicks,

On October 23, 2000, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority issued in the above styled docket, its *Order Denying BellSouth's Petition for Stay and Requiring Compliance with Authority's September 22, 2000 Order.* In that Order, the Authority directed BellSouth to comply with the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth and Hyperion and "commence making payments to Hyperion no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the entry of this Order." Notwithstanding BellSouth's appeal of the TRA's decision in the U. S. District Court and BellSouth's Motion to Stay the Authority's September 22, 2000 and October 23, 2000 Orders filed in that federal case docket, the Authority's Orders have not been stayed and remain effective.

The purpose of this letter is to ascertain whether BellSouth is in compliance with the Authority's October 23, 2000 Order and has commenced payments to Hyperion pursuant to the Authority's Order and the Interconnection Agreement. Please advise, by January 26, 2001, as to the status of payments by BellSouth and address your response to the above styled docket. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Very truly yours,

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