

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Mr. Charles L. Howorth, Jr.  
Regulatory Vice President  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Suite 2104  
333 Commerce Street  
Nashville, TN 37201-3300

In Re: Tariff Filing of BellSouth Telecommunications  
To Add Language to the N11 Tariff  
✓Docket No. 99-00596

Dear Mr. Howorth:

In your earlier response to the Authority's data request in reference to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth took the position that the Billing and Collection Services that are offered to its customers in Section A-37 of its Tariff "...are not telecommunications services as defined in the Act. Therefore, BellSouth is not required by the Act to offer Billing and Collection Services to CLECs." As a follow-up to that response, please describe in detail the technical differences between providing Billing and Collection Services to a BellSouth customer vs. providing Billing and Collection Services to a CLEC for resale.

Please respond to the data requests by January 5, 2000. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Foster at 741-2904 ext. 188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. David Waddell".

K. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary

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Mr. Guy Hicks, Esq.  
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