COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NEXUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	
COMPLAINANT))
V.))
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A AT&T KENTUCKY)))
DEFENDANT	<i>)</i>)

ORDER

On April 12, 2012, Nexus Communications, Inc. ("Nexus") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky ("AT&T Kentucky") filed with the Commission a joint motion to abate this proceeding. The parties request that the Commission hold the case in abeyance pending the outcome of Case Nos. 2010-00023, 2010-00026 and 2010-00029; cases that address similar issues as are the subject of this proceeding.

The parties state that AT&T Kentucky retains the right to move to lift the abeyance if Nexus fails to make payments for undisputed amounts. The parties also agree to continue settlement negotiations while the case is in abeyance.

The Commission finds that the parties have provided sufficient grounds to support their Joint Motion. The Commission encourages the parties to resolve as many issues as they can prior to proceeding to a hearing before the Commission and it

appears likely that holding this case in abeyance will accomplish that goal. Accordingly, the Commission will grant the parties' Joint Motion. However, in order to ensure that progress is being made in settlement negotiations or that litigation in other states is moving toward resolution, the Commission will only hold this case in abeyance for 60 days from the date of this Order. If the parties believe the case should remain in abeyance at the end of the 60-day period, they may file a renewed motion to abate the proceeding. The renewed motion should contain updated information relating to the progress of litigation in other states, as well as the current state of the parties' own settlement negotiations. The Commission, upon receipt of a renewed motion to abate, will reconsider whether the abeyance should be continued.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case is held in abeyance for 60 days from the date of this order.

By the Commission

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