## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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AT&T CORP.	)
COMPLAINANT V.	) \
MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP. AND THACKER- GRIGSBY TELEPHONE CO., INC.	) CASE NO. ) 2013-00392 )
DEFENDANTS	, )

## ORDER

On November 25, 2013, Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative Corp. and Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Co., Inc., collectively ("Rural Carriers") filed an Answer to the complaint of AT&T Corp. In the answer, the Rural Carriers also filed a counterclaim against AT&T Corp. and requested that the Commission order AT&T Corp. to immediately pay all delinquent tariffed access charges.

The filing of counterclaims is not permitted in proceedings before the Commission; neither the Commission's regulations nor statutes permit or allow such a filing, and the counterclaim should be rejected for filing. If the Rural Carriers seek relief from AT&T Corp., they must bring a separate action against AT&T Corp. by filing a complaint.

Based on the foregoing, it is HEREBY ORDERED that the Rural Carriers' counterclaim and motion for emergency relief are rejected for filing.

By the Commission

**ENTERED** 

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