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August 18, 2011

AT&T Kentucky Attention: Mary K. Kever 601 West Chestnut Street, Room 407 Louisville, Kentucky 40203

AT&T Re:

> Petition for Confidential Treatment received 7/8/11 PSC Reference - Case No. 2010-00398

Dear Ms. Keyer:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on July 8, 2011 on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC., d/b/a AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service, and TCG Ohio (collectively AT&T) to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in the Direct Testimony of Dr. Debra J. Aron, pages 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 47, 50, 54, 55 and Exhibit DJA-2; and in the Direct Testimony of Dr. Ola A. Ovefusi, pages 9, 17, 37, 44, 45, 47, 50, and Exhibit OAO-6. The information is described as containing company specific data regarding revenues, local switching minutes, access line counts, and/or switched access charges and/or expenses, as well as local or long distance data, intrastate\interstate access costs, expenses and revenues, including access revenue shifts, toll pricing and toll revenues.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise AT&T's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to AT&T's competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to AT&T's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to

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be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC., d/b/a AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC, BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Long Distance Service, and TCG Ohio (collectively AT&T) are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties of Record