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Re: Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., et al.,  
Complainants v. BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T  
Kentucky, Defendant  
PSC 2011-00199

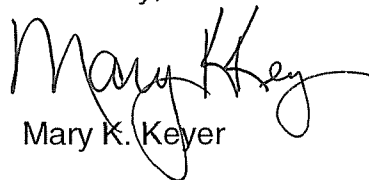
Dear Mr. Derouen:

In its Reply filed April 22, 2013, the Rural Local Exchange Carriers urge the Commission to establish an expedited procedural schedule in this case. In support of their request, the RLECs argue (at pages 2-3 of the Reply) that the Commission has already decided the same issues presented in this Docket in *South Central Telecom LLC v. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*, Case No. 2006-00448, and they suggest that the Commission decided those issues against AT&T Kentucky.

The RLECs are wrong on both counts. For one thing, the Commission granted AT&T's Motion for Clarification/Modification in the *South Central Telecom* case on August 2, 2010, and has not yet issued a final order. Beyond that, the RLECs have done nothing to show that the legal issues are the same in the two cases, and given the vagueness and lack of specificity in the RLECs' Complaint in this case – which is one reason why the RLECs' proposed fast schedule is inappropriate - it is too early to tell what kind of relationship, if any, the issues in this case have to those being addressed in *South Central Telecom*.

Put simply, *South Central Telecom* provides no basis for rushing this case to judgment. AT&T renews its recommendation that the Commission approve the schedule AT&T has recommended.

Sincerely,



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cc: Parties of Record