COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ASSOCIATES IN DERMATOLOGY, PLLC)
COMPLAINANT)
V.) CASE NO. 2019-00047
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC)
DEFENDANT)

ORDER

On May 7, 2019, the Commission issued an order notifying Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC, dba AT&T Kentucky (AT&T Kentucky) that it has been named as the defendant in a formal complaint (Complaint) filed in this matter, which is attached hereto. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 20, AT&T Kentucky was ordered to satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within fifteen days from the date of entry of that order. AT&T Kentucky has not made any filing in response to the Order answering the complaint and indicating that the Complaint has been satisfied.

The Commission's May 7, 2019 Order was served on AT&T Kentucky, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8), on May 7, 2019, by sending it via email to its email address on file with the Commission. However, although AT&T Kentucky's email address was not updated, Commission records indicate that on April 3, 2019, AT&T Kentucky requested that complaints filed with the Commission be sent to Chris Timmermans, 2121 East 63rd Street Building C, Kansas City, MO 64130. The Commission also observes that AT&T

Kentucky's agent for service of process in Kentucky, as listed on in Secretary of State's records, is CT Corporation System, 306 W. Main St., Suite 512, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Because the AT&T Kentucky attempted to update its address for the receipt of complaints, it is unclear whether notice of the Complaint or the Commission's May 7, 2019 Order to answer the same made it to the proper persons at AT&T Kentucky or whether AT&T Kentucky had actual notice of Complaint even though it did not update its email address. To avoid any issues with Orders entered in this matter, the Commission will provide AT&T Kentucky twenty (20) days from the date of this Order to satisfy or answer the Complaint. The Commission will also direct Commission Staff to provide notice to AT&T Kentucky via U.S. mail, return receipt requested to the address AT&T Kentucky provided for complaints and to AT&T Kentucky's registered agent for service of process. If AT&T Kentucky does not satisfy or answer this Complaint within the time provided herein, the Commission may take further actions based solely on information supplied by Associates in Dermatology, PLLC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. AT&T Kentucky shall satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the Complaint within twenty (20) days from the date of entry of this Order.
- Commission Staff shall send this Order, with the Complaint attached, to AT&T Kentucky via U.S. mail, return receipt requested in care of Chris Timmermans,
 East 63rd Street Building C, Kansas City, MO 64130 and CT Corporation System,
 W. Main St., Suite 512, Frankfort, KY 40601.

3.	Commission Staff shall file a memorandum in this matter indicating that the
mailings requ	uired by paragraph no. 2 have occurred and provide the tracking numbers for
the mailings	required in paragraph no. 2.
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By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Director for Thusan

Case No. 2019-00047

ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENT TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2019-00047 DATED JUL 2 4 2019

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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	and basis for the complaint.)

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	LOVESVELLE KY 40202 1/28/19							
	(Name and address of attorney if any) Date							

*Complaints by corporations or associations, or any other organization having the right to file a complaint, must be signed by its attorney and show his post office address. No oral or unsigned complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the Commission.



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January 28, 2019.

Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Formal Complaint Against AT&T

To Whom it May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to outline the horrendous experiences Associates in Dermatology, PLLC, hereinafter referred to as AID, whose primary office location is 3810 Springhurst Blvd, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40241 has been subject to through faulty and deceptive business agreements with AT&T.

Dating back to 2014 AID has entered into contracts with AT&T that have gone unfilled as a direct result of AT&T not executing their portion of the agreements. For years AID was billed for services no longer in use, and has been persuaded into new agreements for updated service when old services were never terminated by AT&T.

AT&T's atrocious and often nonexistent customer service has only complicated matters. Our current account manager, Timothy Whitlock, has gone AWOL since not attending a phone conference that he arranged on December 20th, 2018. Unfortunately, this is normal behavior for our AT&T account managers. In the last five years we have had no less than three account managers, none of whom have effectively or efficiently managed our concerns.

3810 SPRINGHURST BLVD., SUITE 200, LOUISVILLE, KY 40241 PHONE: (502) 583-1749 * FAX: (502) 329-7599

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AID is owed tens of thousands of dollars in refunds for over billing, or billing on accounts that should have been terminated. To date we have not been issued a refund on any account that holds a credit. Representatives from AID have routinely sent the necessary documentation to each AT&T account manager assigned to us. Time after time we are told our concerns are being investigated, or been given conflicting information on how to receive our refunds. This has been going on since March, 2018.

As medical practice, serving over 100 patients each day, it is essential to maintain reliable access to our phone and internet service. AID has regularly received disconnect notices threatening to terminate services on accounts after we have sent multiple request not to terminate specific accounts. In addition, there are other accounts which we have requested be terminated, yet continued receive bills for months after our requests were sent and received.

We have stressed the importance of keeping our services in place until we are first, released from our contracts due to AT&T's failure to perform, and second, setup utility access with a new service provider. To date, we have not been able to get exact dates on when our contracts with AT&T terminate. We have requested that information on multiple occasions.

It is the desire of Associates in Dermatology, PLLC to immediately be released from all contracts with AT&T, as well as have the full amount of all credits issued as soon as possible. AT&T is aware of our requests as we have made them formally in writing several times in the last year.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached by phone, 502-625-2221, or email, cmccall@associatesindermaotlogy.com

Sincerely,

Charlie McCall Financial Manager

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January 15, 2019

Mr. Alan Appel Associates of Dermatology 3810 Springhurst Boulevard, Suite 200 Louisville, KY 40241

Dear Mr. Appel:

Enclosed is a copy of the Commission's administrative regulations outlining the procedures for filing a formal complaint. Please complete the forms and return them to the above-listed address. You can call our hotline at 1-800-772-4636 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Tutt, Manager Consumer Services Branch

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Enclosure



807 KAR 5:001. Rules of Procedure.

Section 19. Formal Complaints.

- (1) Contents of complaint. Each complaint shall be headed "Before the Public Service Commission," shall establish the names of the complainant and the name of the defendant, and shall state:
 - (a) The full name and post office address of the complainant:
 - (b) The full name and post office address of the defendant; and
 - (c) Fully, clearly, and with reasonable certainty, the act or thing done or omitted to be done, of which complaint is made, with a reference, if practicable, to the law, order, or administrative regulation section and subsection, of which a violation is claimed, and other matters, or facts, if any, as necessary to acquaint the commission fully with the details of the alleged violation. The complainant shall specifically establish the relief desired.
- (2) Signature. The complaint shall be signed by the complainant or his or her attorney, if applicable, and if signed by an attorney, shall show the attorney's post office address. A complaint by a corporation, association, or another organization with the right to file a complaint, shall be signed by the entity's attorney.
- (3) **Number of copies required.** When the complainant files his or her original complaint, the complainant shall also file two (2) more copies than the number of persons or corporations to be served.
- (4) Procedure on filing of complaint.
 - (a) Upon the filing of a complaint, the commission shall immediately examine the same to ascertain if it establishes a prima facie case and conforms to this administrative regulation.
 - If the commission is of the opinion that the complaint does not establish a prima facie case or does
 not conform to this administrative regulation, the commission shall notify the complainant or his or her
 attorney to that effect, and opportunity shall be given to amend the complaint within a specified time.
 - 2. If the complaint is not amended within the time or the extension as the commission, for good cause shown, shall grant, the complaint shall be dismissed.
 - (b) If the complaint, either as originally filed or as amended, establishes a prima facie case and conforms to this administrative regulation, the commission shall serve an order upon the person complained of, accompanied by a copy of the complaint, directed to the person complained of and requiring that the matter complained of be satisfied, or that the complaint be answered in writing within ten (10) days from the date of service of the order, provided that the commission may, in particular cases, require the answer to be filed within a shorter or longer period.
- (5) Satisfaction of the complaint. If the defendant desires to satisfy the complaint, he or she shall submit to the commission, within the time allowed for satisfaction or answer, a statement of the relief which the defendant is willing to give. Upon the acceptance of this offer by the complainant and with the approval of the commission, further proceedings shall not be taken.
- (6) Answer to complaint. If the complainant is not satisfied with the relief offered, the person complained of shall file an answer to the complaint, with certificate of service on other endorsed parties, within the time specified in the order or the extension as the commission, for good cause shown, shall grant.
 - (a) The answer shall contain a specific denial of the material allegations of the complaint as controverted by the defendant and also a statement of new matter constituting a defense.
 - (b) If the answering party does not have information sufficient to enable him or her to answer an allegation of the complaint, the answering party may so state in the answer and place the denial upon that ground.



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