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Ms. Beth O'Donnell  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: *Petition by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC and TCG Ohio for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252*  
*Case No: 2004-00234*  
*Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

On June 8, 2004, AT&T Communications of the South Central States, LLC filed with the Commission its petition for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Attached to that Arbitration petition was a Joint Issues Matrix, which framed the issues to be decided by the Commission in the arbitration proceedings. The parties continue to negotiate and will file amendments to the Joint Issues Matrix as issues are resolved during negotiations. Along with its Arbitration petition, AT&T also indicated in its cover letter that the parties would be submitting a proposed procedural schedule for the arbitration proceedings.

AT&T has been in discussions with BellSouth and is authorized to represent that the parties are in agreement in submitting the following proposed schedule:

July 2, 2004

BellSouth to file its response to AT&T's Arbitration petition, including its positions in the Joint Issues Matrix. BellSouth will also file a copy of the interconnection agreement negotiated by the parties, with an indication of the provisions and language that are still in dispute.

Discovery, if any, may commence.

August 13, 2004 Both parties will file Direct testimony on the issues identified in the Joint Issues Matrix.

September 3, 2004 Both parties will file Rebuttal testimony

Week of  
October 25, 2004 Hearings – the parties anticipate that the hearings should last no longer than 3-4 days.

30 days from the  
completion of the  
hearing transcript Opening Briefs are due from both parties

20 days after  
Opening Briefs Reply Briefs are due from both parties.

The parties recognize that the proposed schedule does not permit the Commission to conclude these arbitration proceedings within the statutory time period and hereby waive that requirement.

If the above proposal meets your approval, the parties would appreciate the Commission issuing an Order Establishing Procedural Schedule as outlined.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



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