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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Hon. Beth O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Petition of Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with American Cellular F/K/A ACC Kentucky License LLC, Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Case No. 2006-00215

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed please find the original and eleven copies of the Response of Cingular Wireless to the Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents Submitted by Ballard, Duo County, South Central and West Kentucky to be filed in the above-referenced matter. Please return one file-stamped copy to the person delivering this document to you.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

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In the Matter of:

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RESPONSE OF CINGULAR WIRELESS TO THE INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY BALLARD, DUO COUNTY, SOUTH CENTRAL AND WEST KENTUCKY

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, successor to BellSouth Mobility LLC, BellSouth

Personal Communications LLC and Cincinnati SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Cingular

Wireless ("Cingular Wireless" or "Cingular") hereby files this response to the "Interrogatories

and Requests for Production of Documents to CMRS Carriers" served on Cingular by Ballard

Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Ballard"), which were adopted and served on

Cingular by Duo County Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("Duo County"), West

Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("West Kentucky") and South Central

Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("South Central").

I. INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify each person who participated in the consideration and preparation of your answers to these Discovery Requests and identify to which particular Discovery Request each person was involved in answering.

ANSWER: William H. Brown, Senior Interconnection Manager for Cingular Wireless, 5565 Glenridge Connector, Suite 1520, Atlanta, Georgia 30342. Office Phone: 404-236-6490.

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2. Identify all persons you intend to call as witnesses at the October 16-18, 2006 evidentiary hearing in the above styled matter (the "Evidentiary Hearing").

ANSWER: While Cingular intends to call at least one witness during the Evidentiary Hearing, witness(es) selection has not been made. Witness identity, the substance of testimony, as well as documents used, referenced or relied upon in such testimony will be provided when pre-filed testimony is submitted on September 29th.

3. For each person identified in response to Interrogatory No.2 above, state the facts

known and substance of his/her expected testimony at the Evidentiary Hearing.

ANSWER: See answer 2.

4. Identify all documents that each person identified in response to Interrogatory No.

2 above intends to use, reference, or rely upon during his/her testimony at the Evidentiary

Hearing.

ANSWER: See answer 2.

5. Identify each person you will or may call as an expert or to offer any expert

testimony at the Evidentiary Hearing in this matter.

ANSWER: See answer 2.

6. For each person identified in response to Interrogatory No.5 above, state all facts

known and opinions held by that person with respect to this proceeding, identifying all written

reports of the expert containing or referring to those facts or opinions.

ANSWER: See answer 2.

7. Identify all potential Intermediary Carriers with and through whom the CMRS

Carriers have contemplated exchanging traffic with the petitioner in this matter.

ANSWER: Answer is limited to the exchange of Section 251(b)(5) traffic between Cingular and Ballard, Duo County, South Central and West Kentucky – the only Petitioners filing petitions against Cingular: BellSouth Telecommunications.

8. With respect to each Intermediary Carrier identified in response to Interrogatory

No. 7, above, identify and describe in detail all existing arrangements pursuant to which the Intermediary Carrier has agreed to transit traffic between the CMRS Carriers and the petitioner in this matter. Such detailed description shall include, but not be limited to, all physical and financial terms and conditions associated with the proposed transit of traffic through or across the Intermediary Carrier's network.

ANSWER: Interconnection Agreement between Cingular and BellSouth. Cingular currently agrees to pay BellSouth a transit fee of \$0.003/MOU for all mobile-originated traffic that transits a BellSouth switch and terminates to another carrier.

9. State whether it is the CMRS Providers' position(s) that the exchange of traffic through an Intermediary Carrier should be required regardless of the volume of traffic exchanged between the parties. If this is not the position of the CMRS Providers, describe in detail the circumstances (including, but not limited to the appropriate traffic volume threshold and/or transit cost threshold) under which the exchange of traffic through an Intermediary Carrier should not be required of the parties.

ANSWER: Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(a)(1), Petitioners are required to interconnect either directly or indirectly with all requesting carriers – at the option of the requesting carrier.

10. Identify all rates for transport and termination of traffic proposed by the CMRS

Carriers. If the CMRS Carriers do not propose a rate for transport and termination of traffic, explain in detail the basis for that failure to propose such rates, and explain in detail the basis by which the CMRS Carriers would propose that the Commission resolve the existing dispute with

respect to such rates.

ANSWER: Under FCC Rules, Petitioners have the burden of proposing transport and termination rates and supporting them with appropriate cost studies. In this case, since Petitioners have failed to meet that burden, it is Cingular's position that the transport and termination rate for each Petitioner should be established in conformity with 47 C.F.R. § 51.715 and subsections. Such rate should remain in effect, without true-up, until each Petitioner presents a proper cost study and establishes a transport and termination rate consistent with FCC Rules. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 51.711(a)(1), the rate Cingular charges each RLEC will be symmetrical with the rate established by each RLEC.

Cingular does not intend to establish asymmetrical rates.

11. Id entify the proposed default intraMTA and interMTA traffic factors that the CMRS Carriers propose be included in the interconnection agreement resulting from this arbitration, and explain in detail the means by which the CMRS Carriers have determined those factors. If the CMRS Carriers do not propose default intraMTA and interMTA traffic factors, explain in detail the basis for that failure to propose such traffic factors.

ANSWER: Cingular is proposing actual intraMTA traffic factors rather than default factors. See answer to Interrogatory 25. Cingular derived these factors from traffic studies conducted upon 30 days' historical usage. Cingular does not have the ability to measure traffic on a real-time basis for intercarrier billing purposes.

The traffic that Cingular transports across MTA boundaries for delivery to the four Petitioners that have filed arbitration petitions against Cingular is either nonexistent or *de minimis*. Therefore, the default interMTA factor in Cingular's contracts with those four Petitioners should be zero percent (0%).

12. Explain in detail the CMRS Carriers' rationale for concluding that the traffic

volume forecasts proposed by the petitioner in this matter "are unnecessary," (see CMRS

Providers' Issues Matrix at Issue 24), and explain in detail how the CMRS Carriers propose to

plan for adequate network capacity if such forecasts are not utilized.

ANSWER: In the case of indirect interconnection, Cingular's forecasts to a Petitioner are unnecessary, because there is no direct interconnection facility to be sized. Whenever Cingular establishes direct facilities with an individual Petitioner, Cingular and the Petitioner will mutually agree upon the size of the facility. If traffic thereafter increases, Cingular will increase the size of the facility. Forecasts may be useful in this process. However, at present, Cingular has established no direct interconnection facility with any Petitioner. Thus, forecasts at present are unnecessary.

13. For each month during the period from May 1, 2004 through the present date,

identify the CMRS Carriers' respective minutes of usage ("MOU") delivered to, and received

from the petitioner in this matter.

ANSWER: Cingular lacks the ability to measure traffic on a real-time basis for intercarrier billing purposes. Cingular does have the ability to conduct traffic studies on historical usage data, but such data are kept for only approximately thirty days, because of the huge size of the data set involved. Thus, Cingular can determine the information

requested only from Petitioners' invoices, which are already in Petitioners' possession.

14. For each month from the present date through the end of 2006, identify the

CMRS Carriers' respective, forecast MOU to be delivered to the petitioner in this matter.

ANSWER: Cingular objects to this interrogatory on the grounds of relevancy. Without waiving that objection, Cingular states that it has not conducted any such forecasts and has none in its possession.

15. For each Intermediary Carrier identified in response to Interrogatory No. 7, above, identify all per minute transit and other charges (each identified separately) that such Intermediary Carrier has contractually agreed or is otherwise anticipated to assess against each respective CMRS Carrier.

ANSWER: See response 8.

16. For each Intermediary Carrier identified in response to Interrogatory No. 7, above, identify all per minute transit and other charges (each identified separately) that such Intermediary Carrier has contractually agreed or is otherwise anticipated to assess against petitioner in this matter.

ANSWER: Cingular is unaware of the contractual arrangements between Petitioners and BellSouth.

17. Identify all agreements, arrangements, rebates, or other formal or informal understandings between the CMRS Carriers and any potential Intermediary Carriers pursuant to which the CMRS Carriers would receive any amount or kind of financial or other incentive from the Intermediary Carrier as the volume of minutes transiting the Intermediary Carrier to or from the CMRS Carriers increases.

ANSWER: None.

18. State whether any of the CMRS Carriers have a direct or indirect ownership interest in any proposed Intermediary Carrier(s). If any CMRS Carrier answers in the affirmative,

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identify the CMRS Carrier, the proposed Intermediary Carrier, and the nature and extent of the ownership interest.

ANSWER: None. BellSouth Corporation owns BellSouth Telecommunications (an intermediary carrier) and also is a partial owner of Cingular.

19. Identify and explain in detail all financial, technical, operational, and other

factors the CMRS Carriers believe support their position that they should be entitled to utilize an

Intermediary Carrier to exchange traffic with the petitioner in this matter.

ANSWER: Network efficiency and cost of trunks support the establishment of indirect interconnection between Cingular and those Petitioners with which Cingular exchanges only small amounts of traffic. Accordingly, 47 U.S.C. § 251(a)(1) requires all telecommunications carriers, including Petitioners herein, "to interconnect directly or indirectly with the facilities and equipment of other telecommunications carriers."

20. For each respective CMRS Carrier, identify all States or Commonwealths in which the such CMRS Carrier has either (i) voluntarily agreed; or (ii) been ordered to exchange traffic with Rural Telephone Companies at rates other than TELRIC-based rates. For each such State or Commonwealth, identify the Rural Telephone Companies with whom such CMRS Carrier exchanges traffic at rates other than TELRIC-based rates, identify the rate at which traffic is exchanged with such Rural Telephone Company, and identify the manner in which the rate was derived.

ANSWER: Cingular has not been ordered by any state commission to exchange traffic with Rural Telephone Companies at non-TELRIC rates. Cingular's voluntary rate agreements with Rural Telephone Companies have not been based upon cost studies and thus have not involved references to TELRIC. Therefore, Cingular does not know if its voluntary agreements are at rates comparable, or not comparable, to rates for a specific carrier that would be produced by a TELRIC study.

21. For each respective CMRS Carrier, identify all States or Commonwealths in which the CMRS Carrier has either (i) voluntarily agreed; or (ii) been ordered to exchange traffic with Rural Telephone Companies at TELRIC-based rates. For each such State or

Commonwealth, identify the Rural Telephone Companies with whom such CMRS Carrier exchanges traffic at TELRIC-based rates, identify the rate at which traffic is exchanged with such Rural Telephone Company, and identify both the date of and the consultant(s) that prepared the TELRIC-study from which such rate was derived.

ANSWER: The Commissions of Oklahoma, Missouri and California have all required rural local exchange carriers to prepare TELRIC studies to support transport and termination rates charged to Cingular.

The Oklahoma Commission, after requiring TELRIC-based studies, ordered the parties to exchange traffic on a bill and keep basis, because the Independent Telephone Companies had not overcome the presumption that traffic was roughly balanced. The independent companies involved were:

Atlas Telephone Company **Beggs Telephone Company Bixby** Telephone Company Canadian Valley Telephone Company Carnegie Telephone Company Central Oklahoma Telephone Company Cherokee Telephone Company Chickasaw Telephone Company Cimarron Telephone Company Cross Telephone Company Dobson Telephone Company Grand Telephone Company Hinton Telephone Company KanOkla Telephone Association McLoud Telephone Company Medicine Park Telephone Company Oklahoma Telephone & Telegraph Oklahoma Western Telephone Company Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. **Pinnacle Communications** Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Pottawatomie Telephone Company Salina-Spavinaw Telephone Company Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Shidler Telephone Company South Central Telephone Association Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company Terral Telephone Company Valliant Telephone Company

In Missouri, the following TELRIC-based rates were ordered for the following independent companies:

BPS: \$0.0093/MOU Cass County: \$0.0088/MOU Citizens: \$0.0073/MOU Craw-Kan: \$0.0257/MOU

Ellington: \$0.0277/MOU Farber: \$0.0180/MOU Goodman: \$0.0168/MOU Granby: \$0.0054/MOU Grand River: \$0.0209/MOU Green Hills: \$0.0269/MOU Holway: \$0.0383/MOU Iamo: \$0.0410/MOU Kingdom: \$0.0230/MOU Kim: \$0.0212/MOU Lathrop: \$0.0069/MOU Le-Ru: \$0.0166/MOU Mark Twain: \$0.0289/MOU McDonald: \$0.0083/MOU Miller: \$0,0072/MOU New Florence: \$0.0079/MOU Oregon Farmers: \$0.0108/MOU Ozark: \$0.0179/MOU Peace Valley: \$0.0166/MOU Rock Port: \$0.0273/MOU Seneca: \$0.0073/MOU Steelville: \$0.0095/MOU

In Missouri, the TELRIC studies were prepared by Mr. Robert Schoonmaker, the independent companies' expert witness.

In California, the following independent companies were required to produce TELRIC-studies, which were performed by Mr. Chad Duval, the independent companies' expert witness. Hearing in the California matter was held in July, 2006, and the parties are currently preparing posthearing briefs. A decision has not yet been rendered in California, establishing final rates.

Calaveras Cal-Ore Ducor Foresthill Global Valley Kerman Pinnacles Ponderosa Sierra Siskiyou Volcano

Cingular's voluntary rate agreements have not been based upon cost studies and thus have not involved references to TELRIC. Therefore, Cingular does not know if its voluntary agreements are at rates comparable, or not comparable, to rates for a specific carrier that would be produced by a TELRIC study.

22. Identify all Intermediary Carriers with which the CMRS Carriers have existing,

direct network connectivity in Kentucky.

ANSWER: BellSouth Telecommuncations and AllTel.

23. Describe in detail all rates and other charges that the CMRS Carriers propose to assess against the petitioner in this matter if the parties exchange traffic: (i) though direct connection of their respective networks; and (ii) through an Intermediary Carrier.

ANSWER: In the case of both direct and indirect interconnection, Cingular proposes to assess the following charge against the four Petitioners that filed arbitration petitions against Cingular: Transport and termination charges for all intraMTA traffic originated by Petitioners' end users and terminated by Cinguar, based upon Petitioners' forward-looking, economic, incremental costs.

In the case of direct interconnection only, Cingular also proposes that the four Petitioners pay a proportionate share of the cost of the direct interconnection facilities, based upon the ratio of landline-originated to wireless-originated traffic on those facilities.

24. With respect to all Intermediary Carriers identified in response to Interrogatory

No. 7, describe in detail the financial (including, but not limited to applicable rates and charges)

and operational (including, but not limited to provision of traffic billing data) terms and conditions

that would be imposed by such Intermediary Carriers upon petitioner in this matter if petitioner

was required to exchange traffic with the CMRS Carriers through such Intermediate Carriers.

ANSWER: Cinguar does not know what terms, conditions and rates, if any, would be negotiated between Petitioners and an intermediary carrier.

25. Identify the actual intraMTA and interMTA traffic factors that the CMRS

Carriers propose be included in the interconnection agreement resulting from this arbitration, and

explain in detail the means by which the CMRS Carriers have determined those factors. If the

CMRS Carriers do not propose intraMTA and interMTA traffic factors, explain in detail the basis

for that failure to propose such traffic factors.

ANSWER:

Cingular proposes the following intraMTA traffic factor for the four Petitioners that have filed arbitration petitions against Cingular, based on measurements of actual traffic exchanged between Cingular and those four Petitioners. Cingular has the ability to perform traffic studies on historical data but lacks the capability of measuring traffic on a real-time basis for intercarrier billing.

Ballard: 56% Wireless-Originated / 44% Wireline-Originated

Duo County: 88% Wireless-Originated / 12% Wireline-Originated West Kentucky: 58% Wireless-Originated / 42% Wireline-Originated South Central: 73% Wireless-Originated / 27% Wireline-Originated

The traffic that Cingular transports across MTA boundaries for delivery to the four Petitioners that have filed arbitration petitions against Cingular is either nonexistent or *de minimis*. Therefore, the actual interMTA factor in Cingular's contracts with those four Petitioners should be zero percent (0%).

IV. REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

1. Produce all documents identified in, referenced, referred to, reviewed, consulted,

or relied upon in any way in responding to any of the Interrogatories or Requests for Admission

propounded herein.

RESPONSE: Cingular will produce to Petitioners the spreadsheet of Cingular's intraMTA traffic study with Petitioners. Cingular has redacted from that spreadsheet the names and traffic data of companies that have not filed arbitration petitions against Cingular. The usage data (in seconds) contained in that spreadsheet are confidential and should be treated pursuant to the terms of the Protective Agreement executed by the Parties herein.

Cingular will file with the Commission a further redacted spreadsheet in which all usage data (in seconds) have been redacted for the Petitioners that have filed arbitration petitions against Cingular.

No other documents were consulted or relied upon.

2. Produce all documents that you plan to introduce or use as exhibits at the Evidentiary Hearing.

RESPONSE: At present, Cingular has not decided what documents will be used at hearing. All documents supporting testimony will be attached to the pre-filed testimony. Any other documents Cingular may decide to use at hearing will be supplied pursuant to a supplemental response to this request.

3. Produce all documents that support the opinion of any expert who has been identified, and attach all documents such expert relied upon in forming his/her opinions and all documents that the expert reviewed, whether or not the documents were relied upon in forming his/her opinions.

RESPONSE: No expert as yet identified. Answer will be supplemented as appropriate.

4. Produce the *curriculum vitae* of each expert witness and fact witness you expect to testify on your behalf at the Evidentiary Hearing.

RESPONSE: See response to Interrogatory 2. Response will be supplemented as appropriate.

5. Produce all documents relied upon by each expert witness you expect to testify

on your behalf at the Evidentiary Hearing.

RESPONSE: See response to Interrogatory 2. Response will be supplemented as appropriate.

6. Produce all documents that refer to, relate to, or evidence any evaluation, analyses,

studies, or reports made by, tests performed by, or conclusions reached by any expert witness you

expect to testify on your behalf at the Evidentiary Hearing.

RESPONSE: See response to Interrogatory 2. Response will be supplemented as appropriate.

7. Produce all photographs, drawings, videotapes, electronic presentations (for

example, Power Point presentations), blueprints or other demonstrative documents in your

possession or of which you are aware relating to the subject matter of the above styled case.

RESPONSE: Nothing at this time beyond the traffic study produced in response to No. 1. This response will be updated as appropriate.

8. Produce all photographs, drawings, videotapes, electronic presentations (for

example, Power Point presentations), blueprints or other demonstrative documents that you intend to

use at the Evidentiary Hearing.

RESPONSE: Except for the traffic study produced in response to No. 1, Cingular has not decided what documents to use at hearing. All such documents supporting testimony will be filed as part of the testimony. As to any other documents that Cingular may decide to use at hearing, this response will be updated as appropriate.

9. Produce all arbitration proceeding orders in your possession in which a state public

utility commission has ordered that CMRS Carriers exchange traffic with Rural Telephone

Companies at rates other than TELRIC-based rates.

RESPONSE: None.

10. Produce all documents that refer to, relate to, or otherwise reference the CMRS Carriers' agreements, understandings, and/or contractual relationships with the Intermediary Carriers

identified in response to Interrogatory No. 7.

RESPONSE: Cingular's interconnection agreement with BellSouth is on file at the Kentucky Public Service Commission and available to the public.

RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS NO. 1

Traffic exchanged between Cingular Network and Kentucky Group Networks during the period between 20-JAN-2006 and 18-FEB-2006 Outgoing from Cingular (in seconds)

To Cingular Network	Duration of Call (in seconds)
From Kentucky Group	
XXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXX	XXXXXX
WEST KENTUCKY RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
SOUTH CENTRAL RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
DUO COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.	XXXXXX
XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
BALLARD RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORP., INC.	XXXXXX

Incoming to Cingular (in seconds)

Total Traffic (in seconds)

Traffic Ratio Traffic Ratio

Duration of Call (in seconds) XXXXXX хххххх XXXXXX XXXXXX

Mobile/Land Land/Mobile XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX 58% 42% XXXXXX XXXXXX 73% 27% XXXXXX 88% 12% XXXXXX XXXXXX 56% 44%

Verification

AFFIDAVIT OF WILLIAM H. BROWN

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this \underline{bH} day of $\underline{September}$,

2006, personally appeared William H. Brown, who being by me duly sworn on oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is William H. Brown. My position with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, successor to BellSouth Mobility LLC, BellSouth Personal Communications LLC and Cincinnati SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Cingular Wireless ("Cingular") is Senior Interconnection Manager.
- 2. I have prepared the responses to the attached Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents.
- 3. To the best of my knowledge, these responses are true and correct.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

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William H. Brown

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this $\frac{b^{+}h}{b^{+}}$ day of <u>September</u>, 2006, to certify which witness my hand and seal.

My Commission Expires: 5/25/2007

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties listed below by first class mail, postage prepaid, the 7th day of September, 2006.

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