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Re: *Petition of SouthEast Tel., Inc., for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Concerning Interconnection Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Case No. 2006-00316*

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. ("SouthEast") respectfully requests leave to withdraw its pending Motion to Compel Responses to Data Requests, filed on Oct. 17, 2006. That motion had asked the Commission to compel BellSouth to make available its forward-looking cost and demand data to assist in SouthEast's development of pricing proposals in accordance with the federal Act.

Despite BellSouth's unlawful "refusal to furnish cost data that would be relevant to setting rates if the parties were in arbitration," 47 C.F.R. § 51.301(c)(8)(ii), SouthEast prepared its case based on publicly available information. BellSouth has fully exhausted its opportunity to provide a countervailing analysis. Now that both parties have submitted direct and rebuttal testimony and the hearing has concluded, SouthEast believes it would be most productive for the Commission to resolve this proceeding based on the information in the record to date.

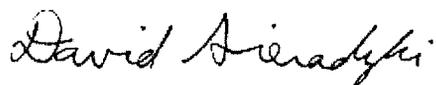
SouthEast, as a small carrier competing in small rural markets, has already devoted substantial resources to this proceeding. We have proposed prices that fully comply with all federal rules and the precedents of this Commission. We believe, at this point, that our limited resources would best be devoted to providing competitive services and deploying additional network in our market, given that the record in this proceeding is complete.

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While SouthEast is requesting to withdraw its Motion to Compel for practical reasons, SouthEast does not concede that BellSouth's refusal to provide the requested information was lawful or proper.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Sieradzki".

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