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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### **VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Mr. Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Petition of Communications Venture Corporation,

d/b/a INdigital Telecom for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky, Pursuant to the Communications

Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunicates Act of 1996

KPSC 2009-00438

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case are the original and ten (10) copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T Kentucky's Motion to Strike Portions of INdigital's Rebuttal Testimony or, in the Alternative, for Leave to File Surrebuttal Testimony on Designated Issues.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely.

Mary K. Keyer

**Enclosures** 

cc: Party of Record

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| Petition of Communications Venture              | ) |            |
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| Corporation, d/b/a INdigital Telecom            | ) |            |
| for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions | ) |            |
| of Proposed Interconnection Agreement with      | ) | Case No.   |
| BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T   | ) | 2009-00438 |
| Kentucky, Pursuant to the Communications Act of | ) |            |
| 1934, as Amended by the Telecommunications      | ) |            |
| Act of 1996                                     |   |            |

# AT&T KENTUCKY'S MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF INDIGITAL'S REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR LEAVE TO FILE SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON DESIGNATED ISSUES

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T ("AT&T Kentucky") respectfully moves (i) to strike portions of the rebuttal testimony of witness Brent Cummings on behalf of Communications Venture Corporation, d/b/a INdigital Telecom ("INdigital"), or (ii) if those portions of the testimony are not stricken, for the right to file surrebuttal testimony in response to designated portions of Mr. Cummings's rebuttal testimony. In support of this motion, AT&T Kentucky states as follows.

1. The issues designated for arbitration in this case were set forth in INdigital's November 10, 2009, Petition for Arbitration and AT&T Kentucky's December 4, 2009, Response to that Petition. The Parties later reflected those issues in the Joint Decision Point Lists ("DPLs") filed on April 22, 2010. The purpose of this arbitration is to have the Commission decide those issues.

- 2. The agreed schedule in this proceeding called for the Parties to submit simultaneous direct testimony on June 15, 2010, and simultaneous rebuttal testimony on July 14, 2010.
- 3. In their direct testimony on June 15, 2010, AT&T Kentucky's witnesses addressed each of the arbitration issues, either explaining the basis for AT&T Kentucky's proposed interconnection agreement language, or, in a few instances, indicating that the issue was a legal one to be addressed in briefs.
- 4. Unlike AT&T Kentucky's direct testimony, INdigital's direct testimony on June 15, 2010, did not address all of the issues. Instead, INdigital elected to submit no testimony on several issues. In its rebuttal testimony, however, INdigital seeks, for the first time, to explain its position on several arbitration issues that it did not address in direct testimony, specifically Alternative Attachment 05 Issues 1, 2, 3, and 4; GTC Issues 1, 2, and 6; Structure Access Issues 1, 2, 3 and 4; and BFR Issues 1-7. Additionally, INdigital proposes alternate language that AT&T Kentucky is seeing for the first time.
- 5. The Commission should not tolerate this kind of sandbagging. By providing for two rounds of *simultaneous* testimony, the agreed schedule anticipated that each Party would have a chance to respond to the other Party's position, but INdigital's tactics have prevented that. As a result of INdigital's strategic decision not to explain its position on the arbitration issues listed above, AT&T Kentucky was unable to address or respond to INdigital's position in AT&T Kentucky's rebuttal testimony. And because the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Cummings's direct testimony did include one page (page 16) that addressed the BFR Attachment. Unlike his rebuttal testimony, however, that direct testimony did not address the specific BFR issues or specific contract language in dispute (aside from a passing reference to Section 3.8). As a result, AT&T Kentucky has had no opportunity to respond to INdigital's positions on the specific BFR issues and contract language.

schedule did not include a round of surrebuttal testimony, AT&T Kentucky will have no opportunity to respond to the explanations INdigital provided for the first time in its rebuttal testimony. In fairness and as a matter of due process, and because of the obvious prejudice to AT&T Kentucky if it is not given any opportunity to respond to INdigital's tardy testimony, INdigital's testimony on these issues should either be stricken or, if it is not stricken, AT&T Kentucky should be allowed to file written surrebuttal on those issues to address INdigital's claims. This is particularly important because (i) INdigital's first-time testimony on these issues contains several factual misstatements that could materially mislead the Commission and unfairly prejudice AT&T Kentucky, and (ii) in several cases, INdigital has used its testimony (rather than the ongoing negotiation process) to propose new contract language, and if that language is now going to reflect INdigital's proposals in this case, AT&T Kentucky should be allowed to respond to it in testimony.

WHEREFORE, AT&T Kentucky moves that the Commission strike the following portions of Mr. Cummings's rebuttal testimony:

Page 5, Line 1 through Page 14, Line 2 (Alternate Attachment 05 Issues 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Page 19, Line 1 through Page 23, Line 2 (GTC Issues 1 and 2)

Page 32, Lines 1 through 19 (GTC Issue 6)

Page 34, Line 1 through Page 40, Line 3 (Structure Access Issues 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Page 45, Line 1 through Page 54, Line 17 (BFR Issues 1-7)

In the alternative, if this testimony is not stricken, AT&T Kentucky should be allowed to file written surrebuttal testimony on or before July 26, 2010, to respond to

INdigital's testimony on the designated issues, in keeping with the intent to give each Party at least one chance to respond to the other Party's testimony on an issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served on the following individual by mailing a copy thereof via U. S. Mail, this 16th day of July 2010.

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