COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BELLSOUTH TELE D/B/A AT&T SOUTI KENTUCKY	COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) HEAST D/B/A AT&T)			
V.	COMPLAINANT)	CASE NO. 2010-00023		
BLC MANAGEMEN COMMUNICATION	T LLC D/B/A ANGLES) S SOLUTIONS)			
	DEFENDANT)			
AND	•			
	COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) HEAST D/B/A AT&T)) 		
V.	COMPLAINANT)	CASE NO. 2010-00025		
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	DEFENDANT)			
AND				
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.) D/B/A AT&T SOUTHEAST D/B/A AT&T) KENTUCKY)				
V.	COMPLAINANT)	CASE NO. 2010-00026		
LIFECONNEX TELECOM, LLC) F/K/A SWIFTEL LLC)				
	DEFENDANT)			

AND

	I TELECOMMUNICATIONS, IN SOUTHEAST D/B/A AT&T	IC.)))
V.	COMPLAINANT))) CASE NO. 2010-00029
DPI TELECO	ONNECT, LLC)
	DEFENDANT)

ORDER

On June 26, 2010, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Kentucky ("AT&T Kentucky"), BLC Management LLC d/b/a Angles Communications Solutions ("Angles"), Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget Phone"), LifeConnex Telecom, LLC f/k/a Swiftel LLC ("LifeConnex"), and dPi Teleconnect, LLC ("dPi") jointly filed a motion with the Commission to hold the above-captioned cases in abeyance pending the resolution of similar pending cases involving the same parties in other states. As grounds for their motion, the parties state that they have engaged in extensive discussions regarding how to address more than 30 similar cases among eight other states in the former nine-state BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. region. The parties propose that the cases proceed to hearing in Alabama, Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina and that, in the remaining states (Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee), the cases be held in abeyance. The parties state that the first four states involve more substantial amounts of monies and that

¹ Joint Motion on Procedural Schedule at 1.

resolution of the issues in those cases will have a significant impact on the parties' ongoing discussions of the issues raised in the complaints and counter-complaints before the Commission.²

The parties anticipate that hearings in the four states will commence in October 2010.³ The parties propose to submit a status report to the Commission on November 1, 2010. The parties also state that the record developed in the four states will be applicable in the five states in which the cases are in abeyance, thus helping to expedite the proceedings in those states.

The Commission finds that the parties have provided sufficient grounds to support their Joint Motion. The Commission encourages parties to resolve as many issues <u>ex ante</u> as it can prior to proceeding to a hearing before the Commission, and it appears likely that holding this case in abeyance will accomplish that goal. Accordingly, the Commission will grant the parties' Joint Motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Case Nos. 2010-00023, 2010-00025, 2010-00026, and 2010-00029 are hereby held in abeyance pending further motion of the parties.
- 2. On or before November 1, 2010, the parties shall submit a joint status report to the Commission detailing the progress of the cases in the four states in which the cases are proceeding.

³ <u>Id.</u> at 2.

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² <u>Id.</u>

By the Commission

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