COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.)	CASE NO. 2004-00193
VS.)	2004-00193
KENTUCKY ALLTEL, INC.)	

NOTICE OF RECUSAL

Prior to my appointment as Commissioner, I served as Vice President of External Affairs for ALLTEL Communications and its Kentucky affiliates. While I terminated all relationships with these entities, including any financial interests I may have previously held, before being appointed as Commissioner, an appearance of a conflict may exist if I immediately become involved in matters regarding these entities. Although I am unaware of any law that expressly prohibits my participation in or requires my abstention from this proceeding, I am of the opinion that my abstention will help to uphold the public confidence in the independence and integrity of the Commission. Therefore, I hereby recuse myself from any participation in the above-styled proceeding.

W. Gregory Coker Commissioner

Public Service Commission

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DATED: __August 19, 2004_

cc: Parties of Record