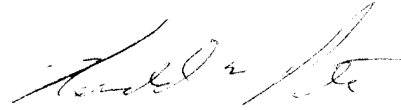


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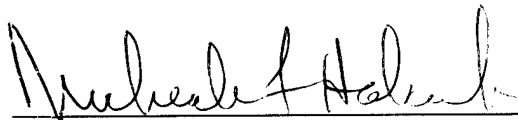
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared Ronald M. Pate, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., being by me first duly sworn deposed and said that:

He is appearing as a witness before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in "The Petition by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., and TCG of Ohio for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252," Commission Case No. 2000-465, and if present before the Commission and duly sworn, his direct testimony would be set forth in the annexed transcript consisting of 111 pages and 35 exhibit(s).



Ronald M. Pate

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this
2nd day of Feb, 2000.



NOTARY PUBLIC

MICHEALE F. HOLCOMB
Notary Public, Douglas County, Georgia
My Commission Expires November 3, 2001