## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| PETITION OF BELLSOUTH              | ) |            |
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| TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE   | ) | CASE NO.   |
| ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PERFORMANCE | ) | 2004-00391 |
| PLAN                               | ) |            |

## **NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION**

I have served as a Commissioner since August 16, 2004. Prior to my appointment as Commissioner, I served as Vice President of External Affairs for ALLTEL Communications and its Kentucky affiliates. I terminated all relationships with these entities, including any financial interests I may have previously held, before being appointed as Commissioner. However, to avoid any appearance of a conflict, I have refrained from participating in any matter involving a telecommunications carrier. My desire has been that my abstention would help to uphold the public confidence in the independence and integrity of this Commission, though I am unaware of any law that expressly prohibited my participation in Commission proceedings. By this notice I am announcing that I will, from this date forward, participate in deliberations and decisions regarding the above-styled proceeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I have participated in dockets involving telecommunications carriers filed with the Commission on and after February 16, 2005. My 6-month anniversary is February 15, 2005.

W. Gregory Coker Commissioner

**Public Service Commission** 

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DATED: \_\_June 10, 2005\_\_\_\_

cc: Parties of Record