

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Before the Public Service Commission**

JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF THE INDIRECT TRANSFER OF)
CONTROL RELATING TO THE)
MERGER OF AT&T, INC. AND)
BELLSOUTH CORPORATION)

Case No. 2006-00136

**SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE, INC.’S
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Comes now SouthEast Telephone, Inc. (“SouthEast”), by and through counsel, and hereby Petitions this Honorable Commission pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3, for an Order permitting it to Intervene as a party in this case. In support of this Petition, SouthEast states as follows:

1. On March 31, 2006, BellSouth Corporation and AT&T (collectively referred to herein as “Joint Applicants,”) filed for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control Relating to the Merger of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation.

2. SouthEast Telephone, Inc. (“SouthEast”), is a competitive local exchange carrier (“CLEC”), with its principle place of business located in Pikeville, Kentucky. SouthEast provides telecommunications services within parts of BellSouth’s territories in Kentucky, thus dealing with BellSouth’s, directly on a daily basis. This case involves issues relevant to SouthEast’s business.

3. SouthEast provides services to thousands of rural customers in Kentucky, giving it a unique position and perspective. Should SouthEast be permitted full intervention, it will be able to help develop facts that will assist the Commission in full consideration of this matter. Should this Commission permit SouthEast to intervene in

this case, SouthEast will comply with the existing docketing schedule, so as to not unduly burden the Commission, the staff attorneys or the parties in this case.

4. SouthEast requests that it be granted leave for full intervention with the right to fully participate in this proceeding as a party, and that the undersigned counsel for SouthEast be served with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence and all other documents submitted by parties and be certified as a party for the purposes of receiving service of any petition for rehearing or judicial review.

WHEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, SouthEast respectfully requests that the Commission permit SouthEast to intervene fully as a party of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the electronic version of this filing transmitted to the Commission
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the Electronic Filing Center this 18th day of April, 2006, is a true and accurate copy of the
document filed in paper form on April 18th, 2006.

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