

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

The Application of Competitive Carriers of the)	
South, Inc. for a Declaratory Order Affirming that)	
The Interconnection Regimes under KRS 278.530)	Case No. 2015-00283
and 47 U.S.C. § 251 are Technology Neutral)	

**VERIZON’S RESPONSE TO COMPSOUTH’S NOTICE OF PENDING
DISSOLUTION AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY ORDER**

Intervenor MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon) opposes the request by Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. (CompSouth) for the Commission to rule on its application by November 22, 2017. For the reasons stated in the Response of BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Kentucky, CompSouth’s request must be rejected.

CompSouth states that it intends to disband by the end of the year, which would mean that if no party is substituted, the case would have to be dismissed. That is so because there would be no complaining party to prosecute the remaining phases of the case, which may include oral argument, motions for reconsideration and appeals. CompSouth states it is “possible” that a CompSouth member may move to be substituted as a party,¹ but to date no such motion has been filed. If a CompSouth member files a substitution motion, the Commission will need to rule on it before this case can proceed. Until then, any further activity in this case would be pointless.

For the foregoing reasons, CompSouth’s request for a ruling before November 22, 2017 should be denied.

¹ Notice Of Pending Dissolution And Request For Declaratory Order at 5 n.15.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the same document being sent for filing in paper medium with the Commission, that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on November 7, 2017, and that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

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