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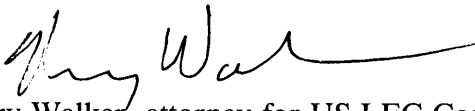
**Re: Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth  
Telecommunications, Inc. and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. Pursuant to the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996  
Docket No. 00-00053**

Dear David.

Enclosed herewith are the original and thirteen copies of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.'s Motion to defer further proceedings and also US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.'s response to BellSouth in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:   
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cc: Parties