

January 3, 2012

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a  
AT&T Ohio for Approval of an Alternative Form of Regulation of Basic Local  
Exchange and other Tier 1 Services Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-4, Ohio  
Administrative Code, Case No. 09-74-TP-BLS

Dear Ms. McCauley:

MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services ("Verizon Business") supports the Motion for Extension of Protective Order filed by AT&T Ohio on December 30, 2011 in the above-referenced proceeding.

Verizon Business continues to consider the data pertaining to its operations, upon which AT&T Ohio relied, and which was filed under seal in Case No. 09-74-TP-BLS, to be confidential trade secret information that should be protected from public disclosure. AT&T Ohio correctly asserts in its Motion for Extension that the data provided by Verizon Business to AT&T Ohio in this proceeding was, and remains, competitively sensitive information that has not lost its commercial relevance since the time it was first granted protection.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carolyn S. Flahive  
Attorney for Verizon Business

cc: Deborah Kuhn, Assistant General Counsel, Verizon

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