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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Amendment of the)
Minimum Telephone Service Standards) Case No. 00-1265-TP-ORD
As Set Forth in Chapter 4901:1-5 of the)
Ohio Administrative Code.)

AT&T OHIO'S REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF RULE 16 OF THE MINIMUM
TELEPHONE SERVICE STANDARDS

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-5-16 (C) ("MTSS Rule 16"),
AT&T Ohio hereby requests a waiver of paragraphs (A) and (B) of MTSS Rule 16 due to
verifiable acts of God beginning on Monday, August 20, 2007. Severe weather,
consisting of torrential downpours and high winds, has caused significant flooding
throughout AT&T's service area. As a result, AT&T Ohio is experiencing a significant
number of service outages.

On August 23, 2007, Governor Strickland declared emergencies in a number of
counties throughout AT&T Ohio's service territory. AT&T Ohio is responding
reasonably to the ongoing extensive impact of these adverse weather conditions by
reallocating resources appropriately, including the use of out-of-state employees and
overtime for applicable network personnel. These efforts will continue until service
meets with MTSS standards.

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AT&T Ohio is not prepared at this time to detail the exact numbers of customers in each of the exchanges that are being impacted. The company continues to compile these numbers and will be prepared to file them along with detailed weather-related information and documentation of this extraordinary event as soon as practicable. AT&T Ohio requests that the Commission grant the waiver sought herein after full consideration of all of the relevant and forthcoming material beginning August 20, 2007, through the point in time when AT&T Ohio can fully meet the MTSS standards.

Respectfully submitted,

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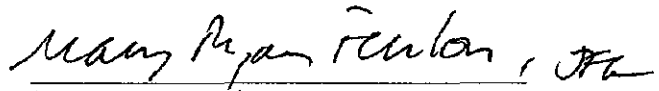
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