BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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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.

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Case No. 08-0107-TP-BLS

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

AT&T Ohio¹, by its attorneys, and pursuant to Sections 4901-1-12(A) of the Commission's rules, moves for an extension of time for the publication of the public notices associated with its captioned application in two affected newspapers. Under the applicable rule, Ohio Admin. Code § 4901:1-4-09(B)(5), public notice should occur within seven days of the filing of the application. Based on the February 8, 2008 application filing date, that date was February 15, 2008.

Due to delays beyond AT&T Ohio's control, the publication of the notice was delayed one day, to February 16, 2008 in the Troy Daily News, the newspaper of general circulation in Miami County, covering a portion of the Christiansburg Exchange. The newspaper's credit application was not received by AT&T Ohio until February 14, 2008 and the newspaper would not publish the notice until it was signed and returned. Those steps were completed and the notice was published on February 16, 2008.

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¹ The Ohio Bell Telephone Company uses the name AT&T Ohio.

Through miscommunication within the Company, publication of the notice in the Harrison News Herald, the newspaper of general circulation for the portion of the Uhrichsville Exchange that lies in Harrison County, did not take place until March 3, 2008. Timely publication was made in the newspapers of general circulation in the other two counties served, in part, by that Exchange, the New Philadelphia Times-Reporter and the Canton Repository. The late publication of that notice in Harrison County still gives any affected person adequate time - - until March 24, 2008, or three full weeks - - to file objections. Moreover, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, which represents all residential customers in the affected areas, has already intervened in this case.

Publication of the notice was timely made in all other areas covered by the application in compliance with the rule. These circumstances constitute good cause for the requested waiver, and AT&T Ohio requests that the Commission grant the extensions of time necessitated by these circumstances. Similar extensions of time have been requested and granted in previous cases. *AT&T Ohio*, Case No. 06-1013-TP-BLS, Entry, September 1, 2006, and *AT&T Ohio*, Case No. 07-1312-TP-BLS, Entry, January 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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