

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of AT&T)
Communications of Ohio, Inc. for a Certifi-)
cate of Public Convenience and Necessity to) Case No. 96-190-TP-ACE
Provide Local Telecommunications Services)
in Certain Specified Areas in Ohio.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On February 28, as amended on April 19, 1996, AT&T Communications of Ohio, Inc. (AT&T) filed an application with the Commission requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide facilities-based and nonfacilities-based intrastate, local telecommunications services in the exchange areas currently served by Ameritech Ohio and GTE North Incorporated. This application was docketed as Case No. 96-190-TP-ACE (96-190).
- (2) By Opinion and Order dated August 22, 1996, the Commission granted AT&T's application and directed AT&T to file affidavits. By Entry on Rehearing dated October 17, 1996, the Commission affirmed its decision.
- (3) Prior to and following these decisions, the Commission determined the framework by which it would authorize carriers (such as AT&T) to provide local exchange services in Ohio. *In the Matter of the Commission Investigation Relative to the Establishment of Local Exchange Competition and Other Competitive Issues*, Case No. 95-845-TP-COI (95-845). The Commission determined that, although an applicant's certification application may be approved, such certification is conditional upon approval of the applicant's tariff and interconnection agreement. *Id.*, Supp. Finding and Order (January 16, 1997). The Commission clarified on March 3, 1997, that 96-190 was partially suspended, pending approval of a local exchange tariff for AT&T. *Id.*, Entry (March 3, 1997).
- (4) On February 10, 1997, AT&T filed an application for authority to amend its local exchange services certificate to include the territory currently served by Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (CBT). That application was docketed as 97-153-TP-AAC (97-153).

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- (5) By Entry dated March 12, 1997, the Commission determined that: (a) AT&T's February 10, 1997 application filed in 97-153 would be considered in 96-190; (b) AT&T's March 4, 1997 motion to withdraw 97-153 should be granted; and (c) CBT's February 25, 1997 motion to intervene and its request for a hearing in 96-190 should be denied. The Commission also noted that its review of AT&T's amendment request in 96-190 would not be under an automatic time frame.
- (6) Upon review of this request, we find that AT&T's request for authority to provide local services in CBT's service territory is reasonable and should be granted. AT&T has provided the necessary information to justify approval of this expansion request.
- (7) AT&T still has not filed proposed tariffs in 96-190 and, thus, its certification is conditional. This case shall remain partially suspended, pending review and approval of a local exchange tariff for AT&T.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AT&T's request for authorization to provide local exchange services in CBT's service territory is granted. It is, further,

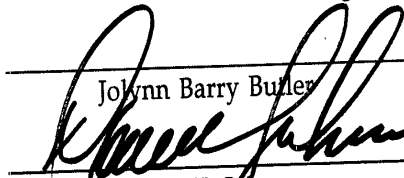
ORDERED, That 96-190 shall remain partially suspended, pending review and approval of AT&T's local exchange service tariff. This case shall remain open until otherwise ordered by the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

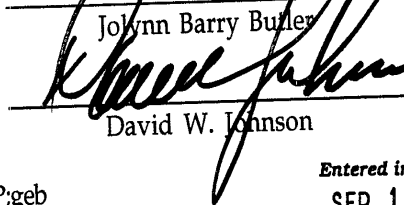
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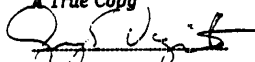
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