BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-63-C - ORDER NO. 2005-427

AUGUST 16, 2005

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. – Transit Traffic Tariff No. 2005-50	)))	ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, for Admission of Gene V. Coker to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice.* Mr. Pringle petitions for Gene V. Coker to appear before the Commission as counsel for AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC (AT&T) in the hearing for Docket No. 2005-63-C regarding BellSouth's transit traffic service tariff. The hearing in this matter is presently scheduled for August 22, 2005.

Mr. Coker is an attorney whose business address is Post Office Box 681841, Marietta, Georgia, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, according to the certificate attached to the application. According to the application, Mr. Coker has been retained personally by AT&T to provide legal representation in connection with the present proceeding. Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Coker is John J. Pringle, Jr. of the firm Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, PA located at 1501 Main Street, 5th Floor, Columbia, South Carolina. Additionally, Mr. Coker has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of

South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Coker meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2005-63-C *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Gene V. Coker, Esquire, is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, and through Motion of local counsel, Gene V. Coker has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-63-C scheduled for August 22, 2005.

3. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.

4. Mr. Coker has associated South Carolina counsel.

5. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of John J. Pringle, Jr., esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Gene V. Coker to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-63-C to be held August 22, 2005, is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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