

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

BELLSOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC
d/b/a AT&T ALABAMA,

Complainant,

v.

ALABAMA POWER COMPANY,

Defendant.

Proceeding No. 19-____
Bureau ID No. EB-19-MD-____

**AT&T'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES
TO ALABAMA POWER COMPANY**

Complainant, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama ("AT&T"), by and through its undersigned counsel, requests that Defendant, Alabama Power Company, answer the following Interrogatories within twenty (20) calendar days of the date of this request pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.730(c). Answers should be served on AT&T's counsel, Christopher S. Huther, by email at chuther@wileyrein.com and by mail at Wiley Rein LLP, 1776 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

The information sought in each Interrogatory is necessary to the resolution of this dispute because each seeks information regarding the pole attachment rental rate for AT&T's use of Alabama Power's poles that is "just and reasonable" under 47 U.S.C. § 224 and the decisions of the Federal Communications Commission and its Enforcement Bureau. The information sought in each Interrogatory is not presently available from any other source, as it is not obtainable from a public source, is within Alabama Power's sole possession, custody, or control, or is otherwise not available to AT&T.

DEFINITIONS

The following terms have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. “Alabama Power” means Alabama Power Company and any persons associated with it, including, but not limited to, each of its current or former parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, independent contractors, agents, servants, attorneys, successors, predecessors, representatives, investigators, experts, employees, ex-employees, consultants, representatives and others who are in possession of, or who may have obtained, information for or on behalf of the above-mentioned persons or entities.

2. “Any” and “all” include “any and all” and “each” and “every” include “each and every.” “And” and “or” means both the conjunctive and the disjunctive.

3. “AT&T” means BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Alabama and any persons associated with it, including, but not limited to, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, predecessors, successors, assigns, attorneys, and anyone acting or purporting to act on its behalf or on behalf of any of them.

4. “CLEC” means competitive local exchange carrier.

5. “Concerning,” and derivatives thereof, has the broadest meaning that may be accorded to it and includes, but is not limited to, directly or indirectly relating, pertaining, mentioning, referencing, referring to, describing, constituting, containing, embodying, being connected with, setting forth, discussing, commenting upon, analyzing, supporting, establishing, contradicting, proving, disproving, or reflecting in any way.

6. “FCC” means Federal Communications Commission.

7. “Identify” means:

(a) When referring to a person, the person’s full name, title, business address, e-mail address, and telephone number, and relationship to Alabama Power. If you do not know the person’s current information, provide the person’s last known business affiliation and title, business address and telephone number, residential address and telephone number, e-mail address, and relationship to Alabama Power.

(b) When referring to a document, the type of document (*e.g.*, letter, memorandum, e-mail, etc.) or some other means of identification, its author(s) and addressee(s), its date, its subject, and all present locations by address and custodian.

(c) When referring to an oral communication, the type of communication, the persons who participated in, heard, or witnessed it, the date of the communication, and the subject and substance of the communication, and identify any documents that set forth, summarize or refer to any portion of such oral communication.

(d) When referring to a business organization, the corporate name or other names under which said organization does business and the location and phone number of its principal place of business.

(e) When referring to data, the type of data, its vintage, the geographic location where the data was collected, the rules or guidelines governing its collection, and all facts, figures, measurements, and other data collected and analyses performed.

If any of the foregoing information requested is not known, the response shall indicate what of the foregoing information is not known.

8. “JUA” means the Joint Use Agreement between Alabama Power Company and South Central Bell Telephone Company, dated June 1, 1978, as amended.

9. “Joint Use Agreement” means any agreement entered into by Alabama Power and any incumbent local exchange carrier that grants access to Alabama Power’s distribution poles, including any amendments, exhibits, appendices, and operational guidelines, practices, or policies.

10. “License Agreement” means any agreement entered into by Alabama Power and any CLEC, cable company, or wireless provider that grants access to Alabama Power’s distribution poles, including any amendments, exhibits, appendices, and operational guidelines, practices, or policies.

11. “Parties” means Alabama Power and AT&T.

12. “Person” or “Entity” have the fullest meanings allowed by law and include, without limitation, a natural person, corporation, firm, partnership, association, labor union, joint venture, proprietorship, governmental body, or any other organization, business, or legal entity, including all predecessors or successors in interest, and any officer, agent, employee, or representative of any of the foregoing.

13. “Pole Attachment Complaint” means the Pole Attachment Complaint and supporting Affidavits and Exhibits filed by AT&T against Alabama Power at the Federal Communications Commission on April 15, 2019.

14. “*Pole Attachment Order*” means the Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, *Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, 26 FCC Rcd 5240 (2011).

15. “*Third Report and Order*” means the Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, *In the Matter of Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment*, 33 FCC Rcd 7705 (2018).

16. “*Verizon Florida decision*” means the Memorandum Opinion and Order, *Verizon Fla. LLC v. Fla. Power and Light Co.*, 30 FCC Rcd 1140 (EB 2015).

17. “*Verizon Virginia decision*” means the Order, *Verizon Va., LLC and Verizon S., Inc. v. Va. Electric and Power Co.*, 32 FCC Rcd 3750 (EB 2017).

18. “You” and “your” have the same meaning as Alabama Power.

19. Terms not otherwise defined have the same meaning as they are alleged to have in the Pole Attachment Complaint. The past tense includes the present tense, and vice versa. The singular includes the plural, and vice versa. Terms are gender neutral and the use of one gender includes all genders.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In response to each Interrogatory, first restate the Interrogatory.

2. Provide all responsive information that is in the possession, custody or control of Alabama Power or any other person acting in the interest of, or on behalf of, Alabama Power. If Alabama Power does not have responsive information, or has information that is only partially responsive, Alabama Power should provide the available information and identify the information that is not available.

3. If any response contains any objection, state with specificity the grounds for the objection and the part of the Interrogatory to which the objection is made but respond to the Interrogatory fully insofar as it is not deemed objectionable.

4. If any information requested was, but is no longer, in your possession or subject to your control, or is no longer in existence, state whether it is missing or lost, destroyed, transmitted or transferred voluntarily or involuntarily to others, or otherwise disposed of and

explain the circumstances surrounding the authorization for such disposition and the date or approximate date thereof.

5. These interrogatories are continuing and Alabama Power must supplement its responses upon discovering or learning of additional information in its custody, possession, or control that was not produced or included in an earlier response.

INTERROGATORIES

1. Beginning with the 2011 rental year, state the annual pole attachment rental rate that Alabama Power contends is “just and reasonable” for AT&T’s use of Alabama Power’s poles under 47 U.S.C. § 224(b). Include in your response the formula, calculations, inputs, assumptions, and source data used to calculate each annual rental rate and identify the corresponding pole attachment rental rate that would apply to Alabama Power’s use of AT&T’s poles.

2. State all facts on which you rely for your contention that the pole attachment rental rates for AT&T’s use of Alabama Power’s poles provided in response to Interrogatory 1 are “just and reasonable” under 47 U.S.C. § 224(b).

3. Explain in detail all steps taken by Alabama Power to ensure that its Joint Use Agreements and License Agreements comply with the “just and reasonable” rate provision of 47 U.S.C. § 224(b), the *Pole Attachment Order*, the *Verizon Florida* decision, the *Verizon South* decision, and the rate section of the *Third Report and Order* (Section III.C).

4. Beginning with the 2011 rental year, identify all entities that have had a Joint Use Agreement or License Agreement with Alabama Power and state whether the entity is an incumbent local exchange carrier, CLEC, cable company, or wireless provider.

5. State the rates, terms, and conditions of all Joint Use Agreements and License Agreements with Alabama Power that were in effect at any time from the 2011 rental year forward. Include in your response the name of the entity that is a party to the Joint Use Agreement or License Agreement with Alabama Power and the dates on which the Joint Use Agreement or License Agreement with Alabama Power was in effect.

6. Beginning with the 2011 rental year, state the annual pole attachment rental rate that Alabama Power charged each entity identified in response to Interrogatory 4, the number of poles or attachments for which the pole attachment rental rate was charged, and whether the entity uses Alabama Power's poles pursuant to a License Agreement or a Joint Use Agreement. Include in your response the formula, calculations, inputs, assumptions, and source data used to calculate each pole attachment rental rate charged and state whether the rate was charged on a per-pole, per-attachment, or other basis and whether the rate was paid.

7. With respect to each License Agreement identified in response to Interrogatory 5, identify any advantage or benefit that Alabama Power contends AT&T receives over and above those provided to the attaching entity. Include in your response, beginning with the 2011 rental year, a quantification of the annual monetary value of each such claimed advantage or benefit expressed on a per-pole basis, the language from each License Agreement that establishes or supports the claimed advantage or benefit, and all data, formulas, calculations, inputs, assumptions, and source data used to quantify the monetary value of each claimed advantage or benefit.

8. Beginning with the 2011 rental year, for each claimed advantage or benefit identified in response to Interrogatory 6, state by year the amount of money that Alabama Power collected from each entity identified in response to Interrogatory 4 concerning that competitive

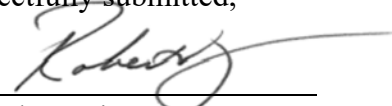
benefit. Include in your response all formulas, calculations, inputs, assumptions, and source data used to invoice these amounts.

9. Beginning with the 2011 rental year, state the rate of return used by Alabama Power in the calculation of rates under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1406(d), including the cost of debt, cost of equity, and capital structure, and, if different, Alabama Power's state-authorized weighted average cost of capital and/or weighted cost of equity, including, as appropriate, the cost of debt, cost of equity, and capital structure. Include in your response the formula, calculations, inputs, assumptions, and source data used.

10. Identify all data regarding poles jointly used by Alabama Power and AT&T, including all survey, audit or sampling data, concerning pole height, the average number of attaching entities, the space occupied by Alabama Power, AT&T, and any other entity. Include in your response when the data was compiled or collected, the entity or entities that compiled or collected it, the accuracy requirements, if any, imposed or related to the compilation or collection of the data, and the rules, parameters, guidelines, upon which the data was collected.

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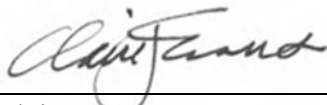
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 22, 2019, I caused a copy of the foregoing AT&T's First Set of Interrogatories to Alabama Power to be served concurrently with AT&T's Pole Attachment Complaint on the following (service method indicated):

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