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Ms. Susan Pie
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 02-150

Dear Ms. Pie:

As President & CEO of Fifth Third Bank, and as a concerned Kentucky citizen, I am writing to ask the Federal Communications Commission to approve WC Docket No. 02-150 - BellSouth's petition to offer long distance services in Kentucky and four other states.

During these difficult economic times, it is important that free enterprise and competition are allowed to drive the marketplace. Giving BellSouth the opportunity to compete with other long distances services will benefit consumers and will result in lower prices and wider service options.

Please approve WC Docket No.02-150 and allow BellSouth into the long distance business in Kentucky.

Sincerely,


James R. Gaunt
President & CEO

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