AFFIDAVIT OF BARBARA MONTE
SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
SBC LONG DISTANCE, LLC

STATE OF New Jersey)
) SS
COUNTY OF SOMERSET)

I, Barbara Monte, being of lawful age, and duly sworn upon my oath, do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. My name is Barbara Monte. My business address is 1 AT&T Way – Bedminster, NJ 07921. I am employed by AT&T Services, Inc. as Assistant Secretary and I am authorized to provide this Affidavit on behalf of SBC Long Distance, LLC ("the Company").

2. The purpose of my affidavit is to identify the specific types of information being provided in the Company's 2023 Annual Report that is being filed under seal and to explain why that information should be kept under seal by the Commission as a closed record. As explained in further detail below, the business and financial information being filed under seal is very competitively sensitive and is not available to the public in any format.

3. The Company is a competitive Interexchange company ("IXC") and provides competitive telecommunications services in Missouri.

4. Question 6 of the Commission's Annual Report requires the reporting of sensitive financial information, including operating revenues from telecommunications services and other revenues the Company considers highly confidential. This information falls squarely within the "Confidential" classification of the Commission's rules, 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)(3): "marketing analysis or other market-specific information relating to services offered in competition with others."

5. Public disclosure of this business and financial information in the Annual Report would be competitively harmful to the Company in that the reporting of this information at a state-specific level would allow the Company's competitors to determine the extent of the Company's business operations. It would also allow competitors to determine the extent of the Company's network facilities, operating expenses, revenues, fluctuation in customer base and other competitively sensitive information to the detriment of the Company.

6. The Company treats the business and financial information contained in the Annual Report as highly confidential and does not make it publicly available in any format.

7. Although the Company is filing this information with the Commission under seal, it would still be available to the Commission and its Staff.

This concludes my affidavit. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Barbara Monte
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Name: Barbara Monte - Assistant Secretary

Date: March 15, 2024