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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re:

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS RECORDS LITIGATION

MDL Dkt. No. 06-1791-VRW

DECLARATION OF JAMES LACY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF SPECIALLY APPEARING **DEFENDANTS AT&T INC. AND BELLSOUTH CORPORATION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' COMPLAINT** FOR LACK OF PERSONAL **JURISDICTION**

This Document Relates To:

McMurray v. Verizon Communications, Inc., et al., No. 09-cv-0131-VRW

Courtroom: 6, 17th Floor

Hon. Vaughn R. Walker Judge:

I, JAMES LACY, declare as follows:

- 2 I am over the age of 21 and am fully competent to make this Declaration.
- I am a Controller in the Finance Department of BellSouth Corporation. My job duties
- include serving as the Controller for BellSouth Corporation and BellSouth
- Telecommunications, Inc. I have been in that position or similar positions since 2004,
- and with the BellSouth family of companies since 2000. As such, I am personally
- familiar with the corporate structure of BellSouth Corporation and its subsidiary
- corporations.

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- 2. 9 All of the statements in this Declaration are based upon my personal
- knowledge and review of corporate business records. I offer this Declaration in support
- of the Motion of Specially Appearing Defendants AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation
- 12 to Dismiss the Complaint for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction. If called as a witness, I could
- and would testify to any of the facts contained in this Declaration.
- 14 3. BellSouth Corporation was incorporated in Georgia in 1983 as one of
- seven regional holding companies that were divested on January 1, 1984 by the American 15
- Telephone and Telegraph Company as part of the settlement of *United States v. Western*
- Electric Company, Inc., Civil Action No. 82-0192 (D.D.C.). As part of that divestiture, 17
- BellSouth Corporation received equity interests in the Southern Bell Telephone Company
- and South Central Bell Telephone Company. Its principal place of business is in Atlanta,
- 20 Georgia.
- 21 4. In its capacity as a holding company, BellSouth Corporation conducts no
- business directly with the public. BellSouth Corporation does not own or maintain a
- telecommunications network, and does not provide telecommunications services or
- Internet services to the public. BellSouth Corporation is a holding company owning
- stock in its subsidiaries, some of which offer telecommunications services, but BellSouth
- Corporation itself does not own the switches, lines, and other equipment in the
- telecommunications networks.

- 1 5. BellSouth Corporation is a legally and factually separate corporate entity,
- 2 distinct from its subsidiaries. Each of BellSouth's subsidiaries maintains its own
- 3 independent corporate, partnership, or limited liability company status, identity, and
- 4 structure.
- 5 6. BellSouth Corporation has no presence in New York. It has no office or
- 6 mailing address in New York, and does not own, lease, manage, or maintain any real
- property, office, residence or place of business in New York. It has no employees in
- 8 New York. BellSouth Corporation does not have an investors relations office in New
- 9 York; that office is located in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 10 7. BellSouth Corporation is not an insurance company and does not insure
- 11 any property or risk in New York or elsewhere.
- 8. BellSouth Corporation does not pay income, property or franchise taxes to
- 13 the State of New York.
- 9. BellSouth Corporation is not registered, licensed or otherwise qualified to
- 15 do business in New York and, therefore, has not appointed a registered agent for service
- 16 of process in New York.
- 17 10. BellSouth Corporation does not manufacture any product of any kind or
- 18 provide any service of any nature that could find its way through the stream of commerce
- 19 into New York. BellSouth Corporation does not do business in New York.
- 20 11. The acronym "AT&T" is a brand often appearing next to a round blue-
- 21 and-white logo. The name "AT&T" is sometimes followed by a state name as a "doing-
- 22 business-as" name for certain companies in AT&T Inc.'s family of companies. The use
- 23 of the corporate brand and logo is shared by multiple subsidiary companies offering
- 24 different products and services and serving different geographic territories. For example,
- 25 today BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. in Georgia does business as (d/b/a) "AT&T
- 26 Georgia." Similarly, Michigan Bell Telephone Company's d/b/a is "AT&T Michigan,"
- 27 Southern New England Telephone Company's d/b/a is "AT&T Connecticut," and so on.

1	12. The AT&T brand and logo are owned and licensed by AT&T Intellectual
2	Property, Inc., a subsidiary of AT&T Inc. AT&T Intellectual Property, Inc. entities
3	charge the applicable operating company a licensing fee for the "doing business as" use
4	of the AT&T name and logo. Use of the AT&T brand, logo, trademarks, and service
5	marks by a particular operating company does not signify that products or services are
6	being offered or provided by AT&T Inc., a holding company, or the ultimate licensor,
7	AT&T Intellectual Property, Inc.
8	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
9	Executed this 16th day of March, 2009, at Atlanta, Georgia.
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11	/s/ James Lacy
12	James Lacy
13	DECLARATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER 45, § X.B
14	I, Marc H. Axelbaum, hereby declare pursuant to General Order 45, § X.B, that I
15	have obtained the concurrence in the filing of this document from the signatory listed
16	above.
17	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing declaration is true and
18	correct.
19	Executed on March 16, 2009, at San Francisco, California.
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21	By: <u>/s/ Marc H. Axelbaum</u> Marc H. Axelbaum
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24	BellSouth Corporation
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