

VOTE SHEET

DATE: March 5, 1996

RE: DOCKET NO. 950985-TP - Resolution of petition(s) to establish nondiscriminatory rates, terms, and conditions for interconnection involving local exchange companies and alternative local exchange companies pursuant to Section 364.162, F.S.

Issue 1: What are the appropriate rate structures, interconnection rates, or other compensation arrangements for the exchange of local and toll traffic between the respective ALECs and BellSouth?

Primary Recommendation: For the exchange of local traffic, BellSouth and the ALECs should compensate each other on a per minute of use basis for terminating local traffic on each other's network. The rate for such interconnection should be equal to the switched access rates provided in the Stipulation which total approximately \$0.01052. To reduce any adverse impact resulting from an imbalance of terminating local traffic between BellSouth and the ALECs, a local exchange provider should not be required to compensate another local exchange provider for more than one hundred five percent (105%) of the total minutes of use of the local exchange provider with the lower minutes of use in the same month.

For originating and terminating intrastate toll traffic, the Commission should require the parties to pay each other BellSouth's tariffed intrastate switched network access service rate on a per minute of use basis. This means that when an ALEC customer places a toll call to a BellSouth customer and the ALEC serves as the toll carrier, BellSouth should charge the ALEC terminating network access service rates and vice versa. If the ALEC is serving as a BellSouth customer's presubscribed long distance carrier, then BellSouth can charge the ALEC originating access charges and vice versa.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

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When it cannot be determined whether a call is local or toll, the local exchange provider should be assessed originating switched access charges for that call unless the local exchange provider originating the call can provide evidence that the call is actually a local call. BellSouth and the ALECs are encouraged to negotiate alternative terms for compensating each other for exchanging toll traffic. If an agreement for such terms is negotiated, the agreement should be filed with the Commission before it becomes effective.

DENIED

Alternative Recommendation: For the termination of local traffic, LECs and ALECs should compensate each other by mutual traffic exchange. Any party that believes that traffic is imbalanced to the point that the party is not receiving benefits equivalent to those it is providing through mutual traffic exchange may request the compensation mechanism be changed. ~~Such a request should not be made until after at least one year of practical experience with local interconnection.~~

For originating and terminating intrastate toll traffic, staff recommends that the Commission require the parties to pay each other BellSouth's tariffed intrastate switched network access service rate on a per minute of use basis. This means that when an ALEC customer places a toll call to a BellSouth customer and the ALEC serves as the toll carrier, BellSouth should charge the ALEC terminating network access service rates and vice versa. If the ALEC is serving as a BellSouth customer's presubscribed long distance carrier, then BellSouth can charge the ALEC originating access charges and vice versa.

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Approved with noted deletion.

Commissioner Garcia dissented.

Issue 2: If the Commission sets rates, terms, and conditions for interconnection between the respective ALECs and BellSouth, should BellSouth tariff the interconnection rate(s) or other arrangements?

Recommendation: The Commission should require BellSouth to tariff its interconnection rates and other arrangements. By tariffing the rates, BellSouth meets the statute's requirement that interconnection rates be filed with the Commission. Tariffing the interconnection rates makes these rates generally available.

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Issue 3: What are the appropriate technical and financial arrangements which should govern interconnection between the respective ALECs and BellSouth for the delivery of calls originated and/or terminated from carriers not directly connected to the respective ALEC's network?

Recommendation: BellSouth should establish meet-point billing arrangements with ALECs as it has with adjacent LECs. Meet-points, for rating purposes, should be established at mutually agreeable locations.

ALECs collocated in the same BellSouth wire center should be permitted to cross-connect without transiting the BellSouth switch. BellSouth should charge each ALEC one-half its special access cross-connect rate.

Carriers providing tandem switching or other intermediary functions should collect only those access charges that apply to the functions they perform. The Residual Interconnection Charge should be billed and collected by the carrier terminating the call, just as it is today among adjacent LECs.

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Issue 4: What are the appropriate technical and financial requirements for the exchange of intraLATA 800 traffic which originates from the respective ALEC's customer and terminates to an 800 number served by or through BellSouth?

Recommendation: The compensation arrangement provided in the Stipulation is appropriate for 800 calls originated by an ALEC's customer and terminating to an 800 number served by or through BellSouth. BellSouth should compensate ALECs for the origination of 800 traffic terminated to BellSouth pursuant to the ALEC's originating switched access charges, including the database query. The ALEC should provide to BellSouth the appropriate records necessary for BellSouth to bill its customers. The records should be provided in a standard ASR/EMR format for a fee of \$0.015 per record. At such time as an ALEC elects to provide 800 services, the ALEC should reciprocate this arrangement.

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Issue 5a: What are the appropriate technical arrangements for the interconnection of the respective ALEC's network to BellSouth's 911 provisioning network such that the respective ALEC's customers are ensured the same level of 911 service as they would receive as a customer of BellSouth?

Recommendation: The Commission should require that:

- 1) BellSouth provide the ALECs with access to the appropriate BellSouth 911 tandems.
- 2) The ALECs should be responsible for providing the trunking, via leased or owned facilities which are capable of carrying Automatic Number Identification, to the 911 tandems.
- 3) All technical arrangements should conform with industry standards.
- 4) BellSouth should notify the ALECs 48 hours in advance of any scheduled testing or maintenance, and provide immediate notification of any unscheduled outage.
- 5) BellSouth should provide a list consisting of each municipality in Florida that subscribes to Basic 911 service, the E911 conversion date and a ten-digit directory number representing the appropriate emergency answering position for each municipality subscribing to 911 service.

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Issue 5a: (Continued)

- 6) Each ALEC should arrange to accept 911 calls from its customer and translate the 911 call to the appropriate 10-digit directory number and route that call to BellSouth at the appropriate tandem or end office.
- 7) When a municipality converts to E911 service, the ALEC should discontinue the Basic 911 procedures and begin the E911 procedures.

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Issue 5b: What procedures should be in place for the timely exchange and updating of the respective ALEC's customer information for inclusion in appropriate E911 databases?

Recommendation: The Commission should require that:

- 1) BellSouth provide the ALECs with access to the appropriate BellSouth E911 tandems, including the designated secondary tandem.
- 2) If the primary tandem trunks are not available, the ALEC should alternate route the call to the designated secondary E911 tandem. If the secondary tandem trunks are not available, the ALEC should alternate route the call to the appropriate Traffic Operator Position System (TOPS) tandem.
- 3) The ALECs should be responsible for providing the trunking, via leased or owned facilities which are capable of carrying Automatic Number Identification, to the E911 tandems.
- 4) All technical arrangements should conform with industry standards.
- 5) BellSouth should notify the ALECs 48 hours in advance of any scheduled testing or maintenance, and provide immediate notification of any unscheduled outage.
- 6) BellSouth should provide the ALECs with mechanized access to any database used for provisioning E911 service. MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth should work together and file with this Commission, within 60 days from the date of this order, a comprehensive proposal for mechanized access to any database used for provisioning E911 service. The proposal should include cost and price support, and a list of operational procedures.
- 7) If a municipality has converted to E911 service, the ALEC should forward 911 calls to the appropriate E911 primary tandem along with the ANI, based upon the current E911 end office to tandem homing arrangement as provided by BellSouth.

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Issue 6: What are the appropriate technical and financial requirements for operator-handled traffic flowing between the respective ALECs and BellSouth including busy line verification and emergency interrupt services?

Recommendation: The technical arrangement proposed by BellSouth should be used to provide operator services. The technical arrangement is comprised of a dedicated trunk group arrangement from the ALEC's end office to the BellSouth Operator Service System. The trunk group can be the same as that used for Inward Operator Services (busy line verification and emergency interrupt services) and Operator Transfer Service. BellSouth's tariffed rates for busy line verification and emergency interrupt services should be used to fulfill the financial requirements for operator-handled traffic flowing between the respective ALECs and BellSouth.

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Issue 7: What are the appropriate arrangements for the provision of directory assistance services and data between the respective ALECs and BellSouth?

Recommendation: The Commission should require BellSouth to list the ALEC's customers in BellSouth's directory assistance database. To ensure compatibility with BellSouth's database, BellSouth should provide the ALECs with the appropriate database format in which to submit the necessary information. BellSouth should update its directory assistance database under the same time frames afforded itself. BellSouth should provide branding upon a firm order for the service.

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Issue 8: Under what terms and conditions should BellSouth be required to list the respective ALEC's customers in its white and yellow pages directories and to publish and distribute these directories to the respective ALEC's customers?

Recommendation: The Commission should require BellSouth to provide directory listings for ALEC customers in BellSouth's white page and yellow page directories at no charge. BellSouth should also distribute these directories to ALEC customers at no charge. To ensure compatibility with BellSouth's database, BellSouth should provide the ALECs with the appropriate database format in which to submit the necessary information. Enhanced listings should be provided to ALEC customers at the same rates, terms and conditions offered to BellSouth customers.

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Issue 9: What are the appropriate arrangements for the provision of billing and collection services between the respective ALECs and BellSouth, including billing and clearing credit card, collect, third party and audiotext calls?

Recommendation: The Commission should require BellSouth to offer to ALECs a choice between one of the two options offered by BellSouth for billing and collection services. Under the first option, an ALEC may elect to have another RBOC serve as its Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS) host. CMDS will provide the ALEC with the ability to bill for its services when the messages are recorded by a local exchange company. All messages originated by the ALEC but billable by another company, or that are originated by another company and billable by the ALEC, will be sent through that RBOC host for distribution.

Under the second option, BellSouth can be elected by the ALEC to serve as the CMDS host. The only requirement for this option is that the ALEC have Regional Accounting Office status, which means that the ALEC has been assigned its own RAO code from Bellcore. BellSouth will send CMDS all messages that are originated by an ALEC customer that are billable outside the BellSouth region. BellSouth will also forward all messages that originate outside the BellSouth region from CMDS to the ALEC for billing. This service will be provided via contract between the two companies.

In addition, BellSouth and the ALECs should transmit billing information via electronic line feed or magnetic tapes as described in MFS-FL's testimony. BellSouth, MFS-FL, and MCImetro should co-develop a billing and collection arrangement which addresses prices, methods, and procedures. This arrangement should be filed with the Commission within 60 days of issuance of the order.

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Issue 10: What arrangements are necessary to ensure the provision of CLASS/LASS services between the respective ALEC's and BellSouth's networks?

Recommendation: The ALECs and BellSouth should provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signalling (CCS) to one another, where available, in conjunction with all POTS traffic, in order to enable full interoperability of CLASS/LASS features and functions. All privacy indicators should be honored, and the ALECs and BellSouth should use industry standards for CCS signalling between their networks. Because CCS will be used cooperatively for the mutual handling of traffic, the ALECs and BellSouth should each be responsible for the costs associated with the installation and use of their respective CCS networks.

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Issue 11: What are the appropriate arrangements for physical interconnection between the respective ALECs and BellSouth, including trunking and signalling arrangements?

Recommendation: The Commission should require BellSouth to provide interconnection, trunking and signalling arrangements at the tandem and end office levels. BellSouth should also provide ALECs with the option of interconnecting via one-way or two-way trunks. Mid-span meets should be permitted where technically and economically feasible and should be a negotiated arrangement.

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Issue 12: To the extent not addressed in the number portability docket, Docket No. 950737-TP, what are the appropriate financial and operational arrangements for interexchange calls terminated to a number that has been "ported" to the respective ALECs?

Recommendation: Carriers providing any intermediary functions on calls routed through number portability solutions should collect only those access charges that apply to the functions they perform. The Residual Interconnection Charge should be billed and collected by the carrier terminating the call, just as it is today among adjacent LECs.

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Issue 13: What arrangements, if any, are necessary to address other operational issues?

Recommendation: Mechanized intercompany operational procedures, similar to the ones between IXC's and LEC's today, should be co-developed by the ALECs and BellSouth. Operational disputes that ALECs and BellSouth are unable to resolve through negotiations should be handled by filing a petition or motion with the Commission. Further, the ALECs and BellSouth should adhere to the following requirements:

- 1) ALECs and BellSouth should provide their respective repair contact numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis;
- 2) Misdirected repair calls should be referred to the proper company at no charge, and the end user should be provided the correct contact telephone number;
- 3) Extraneous communications beyond the direct referral to the correct repair telephone number should be prohibited;
- 4) BellSouth should provide operator reference database (ORDB) updates on a monthly basis at no charge to enable ALEC operators to respond in emergency situations; and
- 5) BellSouth should work with the ALECs to ensure that the appropriate ALEC data, such as calling areas, service installation, repair, and customer service, is included in the informational pages of BellSouth's directory.

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Issue 14: What arrangements, if any, are appropriate for the assignment of NXX codes to the respective ALECs?

Recommendation: BellSouth, as the current code administrator, should provide nondiscriminatory NXX assignments to ALECs on the same basis that such assignments are made to itself and other code holders today until the issue of a neutral administrator is decided at the federal level.

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Issue 15: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. It has been recommended that the parties file additional information in several of the issues. In addition, this docket should remain open to address the petitions filed by Continental, Time Warner, and MFS-FL for interconnection with Sprint United/Centel and for MFS-FL with GTE Florida Incorporated.

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