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BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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In re: Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Supra Telecommunications & Information System, Inc., pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

CASE NO.: L.T. Docket No.: 001305-TP

MOTION FOR EMERGENCY STAY PENDING REVIEW

Appellant/Petitioner, Supra Telecommunications & Information System, Inc., (hereinafter "Supra"), moves this Court to issue a Stay Pending Review of all final and non-final Orders entered by the Florida Public Service Commission in PSC Docket No. 001305-TP, pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.310(f) and as grounds states as follows:

 On September 24, 2001, Supra filed a Motion to Stay BellSouth's Request for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Pending Compliance with FPSC Orders for Discovery. The basis for the Motion was that BellSouth had failed to fully comply with the Commission's Orders to produce documents and furnish answers to interrogatories. The documents and answers to interrogatories are necessary to preserve Supra's rights to a fair and full determination of it's rights and obligations in an arbitration proceeding regarding a three year interconnection I agreement between Supra and BellSouth.

DOCUMENT NEMOCIAL CATE 12182 SEP 26 = FPSC-CONTRISSION CLERK 2. On September 26, 2001, the Florida Public Service Commission entered an order denying Supra's Motion to Stay BellSouth's Request for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Pending Compliance with FPSC's Orders for Discovery in Docket No. 001305-TP (hereinafter the "PSC Order.") A conformed copy of the Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

3. Upon entry of the PSC Order, the PSC moved forward with the Final Hearing with regard to the Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth and Supra. That Final Hearing is proceeding as of the date and time of the filing of this Motion.

4. On September 26, 2001, Supra filed a Notice of Appeal with the Florida Supreme Court in connection with the non-final PSC Order.

5. The failure to allow Supra access to documents and information from BellSouth relating to the interconnection agreement in connection with the Final Hearing is likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm to Supra by impairing it's ability to provide service to it's customers under rates and conditions authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The entry of an order approving an interconnection agreement between Supra and BellSouth without full disclosure of information will also adversely affect the rights of the public to take full advantage

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of competition in local telecommunications markets as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

6. This Motion for Emergency Stay Pending Review of the PSC Order is procedurally based upon Rules 9.030(a)(1)(B)(iii), 9.100(c)(2) and 9.310(f). The underlying appeal of the PSC non-final order relates to rates or services of telecommunications services thus providing for direct appeal to the Supreme Court.

7. The obligation of BellSouth to provide the documents and responses is not only required by order and rule of the PSC but is also grounded in Section 251(c)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which provides an affirmative duty on the part of the incumbent local exchange carrier, in this case BellSouth, to negotiate in good faith with respective competitive local exchange carriers. This obligation has been determined by the United States Congress and the Legislature of the State of Florida as being in the interest of the public. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 251, Section 364.01, Florida Statutes.

8. Supra is one of the larger competitive local exchange carriers providing local telecommunications services to the public in the South Florida area. Supra is not insolvent or involved in any bankruptcy proceedings. No party to this proceeding would be harmed by the Court's granting of this Motion for Emergency Stay Pending Review without the requirement that Supra post a bond. Though Supra stands ready

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to post a bond if so required by the Court, Supra requests that the Court grant this Motion without the requirement that it post a bond.

9. Supra, in moving for an Emergency Stay Pending Review asserts that it will ultimately prevail on the merits of it's claim. Neither BellSouth nor the Florida Public Service Commission will be harmed in any way by the issuance of a stay of the proceedings below. Conversely allowing the proceedings to proceed without full and fair disclosure of all information in the possession of BellSouth relating to rates and terms of service with regard to the Interconnection Agreement will irreparably harm the ability of Supra to provide service to the public at fair and competitive rates for the full three year term of the Interconnection Agreement.

CONCLUSION

Supra respectfully requests this honorable Court to enter an Emergency Stay pending Review of all final or non-final orders entered by the Florida Public Service Commission relative to the "Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and Supra Telecommunications & Information System, Inc., pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996," Docket No. 001305-TP, until further order of this Court. Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER ON SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.'S MOTION TO STAY BELLSOUTH'S REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT PENDING COMPLIANCE WITH FPSC ORDERS FOR DISCOVERY

On September 1, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) filed a petition for arbitration of certain issues in an interconnection agreement with Supra Telecommunications and Information Systems, Inc. (Supra). On October 18, 2000, Supra filed its response, and this matter was set for hearing. Order No. PSC-01-1401-PCO-TP, issued June 28, 2001, and Order No. PSC-01-1475-PCO-TP, issued July 13, 2001, established the procedures and controlling dates for this docket.

On June 28, 2001, Order No. PSC-01-1401-PCO-TP set forth the procedures to be followed in this docket. On July 13, 2001, Order No. PSC-01-1475-PCO-TP identified the issues to be addressed in this docket. On August 10, 2001, Supra served its First Set of Interrogatories upon BellSouth. In response, on August 20, 2001, BellSouth filed its Objections to Supra's First Set of Interrogatories. On August 23, 2001, Supra filed a Motion to Compel and Overrule Objections to Supra's First Set of Interrogatories. On August 30, 2001, BellSouth filed an Opposition to Supra's Motion to Compel regarding Supra's First Set of Interrogatories, as well as its responses to Supra's First Set of Interrogatories. Thereafter, on September 6, 2001, Supra filed its Motion to Compel More Responsive Answers to Supra's First Set of Interrogatories.

By Order No. PSC-01-1820-PCO-TP, issued September 10, 2001, the prehearing officer ruled on the August 23, 2001, Motion to Compel, wherein the prehearing officer directed BellSouth to produce certain documents to Supra by September 17, 2001. If the

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documents provided by BellSouth in response to the order created a need for Supra to take additional depositions of BellSouth personnel, then BellSouth was directed to make such persons available for deposition by Supra on September 19th, 20th, and/or 21st, 2001.

Thereafter, by Order No. PSC-01-1846-PCO-TP, issued September 13, 2001, the prehearing officer ruled on Supra's September 6, 2001, Motion to Compel More Responsive Answers. In that Order, BellSouth was directed to provide additional responses and information to Supra by Tuesday, September 18, 2001. If the information received from BellSouth facilitated the need for additional discovery by Supra, questions were to be posed to BellSouth in the previously scheduled depositions, or the depositions which were to be scheduled pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-1820-PCO-TP. In light of these rulings, the prehearing officer also extended the deadline for the completion of discovery until Monday, September 24, 2001.

On September 24, 2001, Supra filed a Motion to Stay BellSouth's Request for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Pending Compliance with FPSC Orders for Discovery. While styled as a request for a "stay," Supra actually appears to request a continuance of this proceeding. Therefore, the request has been treated as such.

In its Motion, Supra contends that, in response to Order No. PSC-01-1820-PCO-TP, BellSouth produced two boxes of voluminous documents to Supra on the evening of September 17, 2001. The following evening, in response to Order No. PSC-01-1846-PCO-TP, BellSouth provided additional documents, as well as answers to Supra's First Set of interrogatories. Supra maintains that at the time this discovery was provided, it was in the process of deposing BellSouth's witnesses. The company contends that, as a result, it was unable to review the material prior to the depositions and thus, was unable to depose the BellSouth witnesses regarding the newly provided information. Supra further argues that BellSouth failed to provide certain documents that it was directed to provide, including any USOCs for UNE combinations, the LON User Guide, and training manuals. In addition, Supra argues that much of the information provided appears either non-responsive or inconsistent with previously provided information. For these

reasons, Supra argues that the proceeding should be continued until BellSouth fully complies with the Orders on the Motions to Compel and until Supra has had the opportunity to depose BellSouth employees regarding the information provided in response to the prehearing officer's Orders.

On September 26, 2001, BellSouth filed its Opposition to Supra's Motion to Stay. Therein, BellSouth argues that Supra had the opportunity to depose BellSouth's witnesses regarding the information provided as outlined in the prehearing officer's Orders on Supra's Motions to Compel. BellSouth emphasizes that Supra did not seek additional depositions of BellSouth's witnesses as allowed by the prehearing officer. Furthermore, BellSouth argues that it has provided information in accordance with the prehearing officer's decisions to the extent that there is such information in existence. As for the items that Supra claims BellSouth did not provide at all, BellSouth notes that there are no training manuals responsive to Supra's Request for Production of Documents No. 7. At the beginning of the hearing on the morning of September 26, 2001, counsel for BellSouth noted that it had confirmed that BellSouth had not provided information responsive to Request for Production of Documents No. 12, but upon discovering this error, it was in the process of obtaining the proper documentation, which would be provided to Supra by the end of the morning. In addition, BellSouth notes that Supra failed to contact counsel for BellSouth regarding these perceived inadequacies in BellSouth's responses, and that it believes that Supra's Motion for Stay is simply a delay tactic.

I have thoroughly reviewed the pleadings, the prehearing officer's Orders on Supra's Motions to Compel, and the discovery underlying Supra's request for continuance of this hearing. I emphasize that the prehearing officer's Orders clearly delineated the discovery to be produced, as well as the deadlines by which the information was to be produced. The prehearing officer's Orders also extended the time for discovery and directed BellSouth to make its witnesses available for additional depositions if Supra determined that such depositions were necessary. Supra did not seek reconsideration of either Order on its Motions to Compel, nor did it notice any of BellSouth's witnesses for additional depositions regarding the information provided on September 17 and 18, 2001. While I acknowledge Supra's concerns regarding its

opportunity to review the information provided on September 17 and 18, 2001, I also note that the discovery at issue was served on BellSouth only slightly more than a month prior to this hearing. I also note that many of the concerns raised by Supra appear to be issues that can be addressed on cross-examination of BellSouth's witnesses during the hearing. To that end, I intend to allow Supra some flexibility in its cross-examination of BellSouth's witnesses to the extent that it has relevant questions that follow-up and/or clarify the information provided by BellSouth. Supra has not, however, identified a basis for delaying the hearing in this proceeding. As such, Supra's Motion to Stay is hereby denied.

It is, therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Presiding Officer, that Supra Telecommunications and Information Systems, Inc.'s Motion to Stay BellSouth's Request for Arbitration of Interconnection Agreement Pending Compliance with FPSC Orders for Discovery is denied.

By ORDER of Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Presiding Officer, this <u>26th</u> Day of <u>September</u>, <u>2001</u>.

LILA A. JABER Commissioner and Presiding Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.