

1 BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
2 REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF ERIC FOGLE  
3 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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7 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, YOUR POSITION WITH BELL SOUTH  
8 TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. ("BELL SOUTH") AND YOUR BUSINESS  
9 ADDRESS.

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11 A. My name is Eric Fogle. I am employed by BellSouth Resources, Inc., in support  
12 of BellSouth as a Director in BellSouth's Interconnection Operations  
13 Organization. My business address is 675 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta,  
14 Georgia 30375.

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16 Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR BACKGROUND  
17 AND EXPERIENCE.

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19 A. I attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, where I earned a Master of  
20 Science in Electrical Engineering Degree in 1993 and Emory University in  
21 Atlanta, where I earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 1996.  
22 After graduation from Missouri, I began employment with AT&T as a Network  
23 Engineer, and joined BellSouth in early 1998 as a Business Development Analyst  
24 in the Product Commercialization unit. From July 2000, through May 2003, I was

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1 responsible for the Wholesale Broadband Marketing group within BellSouth. I  
2 assumed my current position in June 2003. First, as a Business Analyst, and then  
3 as the Director of the Wholesale Broadband Marketing Group, I have been  
4 actively involved in the evolution and growth of BellSouth's DSL based services  
5 as well as the underlying technology.

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7 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

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9 A. The purpose of my testimony is to rebut the direct testimony of Mr. Van de Water  
10 and Mr. Bradbury on behalf of AT&T, and Mr. Webber on behalf of MCI by  
11 demonstrating that BellSouth has in place a hot cut process for loops that involve  
12 Line Sharing and Line Splitting xDSL services during UNE-P to UNE-L  
13 migrations. My testimony also demonstrates, contrary to any suggestion of  
14 Supra's Mr. Stahly, that BellSouth has voluntarily involved the CLEC community  
15 in the development of this process, including prioritization of BellSouth work  
16 efforts regarding Line Sharing, Line Splitting and various subsequent migration  
17 scenarios in which the CLECs are just now becoming interested.

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19 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU MEAN BY A UNE-P AND A UNE-L.

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21 A. A UNE-P is a combined loop and port. For a UNE-P, the loop and port are  
22 combined in BellSouth's network. A UNE-P does not require any additional  
23 elements, nor does UNE-P require either collocation or additional switching  
24 capability in order to provide a functioning service for the end-user. A UNE-L is

1 a standalone UNE Loop, and requires collocation and additional switching  
2 capability (both provided by the facilities based CLEC) in order to provide a  
3 functioning service for the end-user.

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5 Q. WHAT IS LINE SPLITTING?

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7 A. Line splitting occurs when a voice CLEC provides voice service and a different  
8 data LEC (“DLEC”) provides the xDSL service. This dual provider arrangement  
9 is known as Line Splitting. BellSouth offers Line Splitting as a service to CLECs  
10 and DLECs, to accommodate the sharing of the spectrum between the voice and  
11 data services provided by each carrier. As part of this service, BellSouth will  
12 provide cross-connects, and, if requested, a frequency splitter (although BellSouth  
13 is not obligated to provide the splitter). BellSouth simply acts as a mere  
14 facilitator between the CLEC and the DLEC.

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16 Q. HOW DOES A UNE-P WORK WITH LINE SPLITTING?

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18 A. When a carrier with an existing UNE-P combination enters into a Line Splitting  
19 arrangement with another carrier, the loop that has historically been used to serve  
20 the customer is no longer combined with the port, therefore breaking up the UNE-  
21 P platform. Instead, central office work is performed to cross-connect the loop to  
22 a splitter, which one of the CLECs usually owns. The splitter separates the  
23 frequency used to provide the voice service from the frequency used to provide  
24 the data services. From there, another collocation cross-connection is used to

1 carry the voice signal to the port on the voice CLEC's switch, while the data  
2 signal is carried to the DLEC's network. Thus, the loop and port are no longer  
3 combined but, rather, are separated by two collocation cross-connections and a  
4 piece of CLEC-provided equipment. Exhibit EF-1 depicts a typical line splitting  
5 arrangement. Exhibit EF-2 depicts a typical UNE-P arrangement. As can be  
6 clearly seen by comparing the two drawings, the line splitting arrangement bears  
7 little resemblance to the UNE-P arrangement, and it is obvious that the UNE loop  
8 and port services purchased by the CLECs for the purposes of line splitting are  
9 very different from the UNE-P purchased by the CLECs.

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11 Q. ON PAGE 46, MR. VAN DE WATER DEFINES LINE SPLITTING SERVICES  
12 AS A "UNE-P BASED." IS THIS CHARACTERIZATION ACCURATE?

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14 A. No. This is a common misconception throughout the industry. Line Splitting can  
15 not be provisioned over a UNE-P. The UNE-P (also known as UNE Platform) is  
16 only a combined UNE Port and a UNE Loop. By FCC definition it is impossible  
17 to have Line Splitting via UNE-P. In order to use a UNE-P facility for Line  
18 Splitting, the CLEC must convert the UNE-P to a loop and port as the FCC  
19 clearly explained in the Texas 271 Order, ¶ 325. ("For instance, if a competing  
20 carrier is providing voice service using the UNE-platform, it can order an  
21 unbundled xDSL-capable loop terminated to a collocated splitter and digital  
22 subscriber line access multiplexer ("DSLAM") equipment and unbundled  
23 switching combined with shared transport, **to replace its existing UNE-platform**  
24 **arrangement with a configuration that allows provisioning of both data and voice**  
25 **services.**")(emphasis added). Accordingly, a UNE-P cannot be used in a Line

1 Splitting environment but rather would need to first be converted to a shared UNE  
2 Loop, a UNE Port and cross connects. The shared UNE Loop used in this  
3 scenario is often referred to as a “shared loop”.

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5 The UNE-L is just that, a standalone UNE Loop that runs from the ultimate end-  
6 user to a collocation cage in the serving wire center. To use a UNE-L in a Line  
7 Splitting environment, the CLEC would need to have the necessary equipment in  
8 their collocation cage connected to the UNE-L. Accordingly, a UNE-L is but one  
9 piece of a total Line Splitting solution.

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11 Q. WHO OWNS THE SPLITTER IN A LINE SPLITTING ARRANGEMENT?

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13 A. Under the TRO, the CLEC is responsible for owning the splitter. In addition,  
14 BellSouth will provide the splitter at market rates.

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16 Q. ON PAGE 20, LINES 14-15, MR. WEBBER STATES BELLSOUTH’S HOT  
17 CUT PROCESS DOES NOT INCLUDE LINE SPLITTING, AND ON PAGE 46,  
18 MR. VAN DE WATER ALSO MENTIONS THAT LINE SPLITTING IS NOT  
19 INCLUDED IN BELLSOUTH’S CURRENT BULK HOT CUT PROCESS.  
20 PLEASE COMMENT.

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22 A. With a CLEC-owned splitter, which is all that the TRO requires, the CLEC can  
23 manage their own ‘hot cut’ process for the voice service, without any involvement  
24 or coordination from BellSouth. The CLEC would simply disconnect the

1 BellSouth switch port when moving the voice customer to its own switch port. A  
2 subsequent order can then be placed to disconnect the BellSouth switch port that  
3 is no longer in use. The responsibility for the migration (if any) of the data  
4 service in this scenario lies with the CLEC who owns the splitter. Conversions of  
5 line-splitting are not encompassed in BellSouth's batch migration process because  
6 that process applies only to UNE-P to UNE-L migrations and, as described above,  
7 line splitting does not utilize UNE-P.

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9 Q. HOW IS THE HOT CUT PROCESSE DIFFERENT IF BELLSOUTH OWNS  
10 AND MAINTAINS THE SPLITTER, VS. THE DLEC OWNING AND  
11 MAINTAINING THE SPLITTER?

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13 A. CLECs have the option in many situations of utilizing a BellSouth-owned splitter.  
14 CLECs need to weigh this option against the benefits of owning their own  
15 splitters. Introduction of any third party (in this case BellSouth) ownership of the  
16 splitter may add possible down time for the end user during migrations.  
17 Additionally, if the existing Line Sharing or Line Splitting scenario is with a  
18 BellSouth owned splitter and the CLEC is migrating to a UNE-L, this requires a  
19 change from a BellSouth owned splitter to a CLEC owned splitter. This change  
20 requires altering cabling and accordingly the CLEC's end user will experience  
21 some xDSL service down time until the responsible CLEC completes the new  
22 cabling on their splitter.

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1 If the existing Line Sharing or Line Splitting scenario is currently provisioned  
2 with a CLEC owned splitter, it is possible that no change in the splitter cabling  
3 would be necessary at the moment the CLEC migrates to a UNE-L. However,  
4 that is totally under the control of the CLEC, and only the CLEC would be able to  
5 determine the impact.

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7 Q. IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A VOICE SERVICE MIGRATION WITHOUT  
8 ANY INTERRUPTION OF CLEC'S DSL SERVICE?

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10 A. Absolutely. With a CLEC-owned splitter, the CLEC can complete the hot cut of  
11 the voice service without interruption to the DSL service. In fact, unless the  
12 CLEC wants to move the DSL service, it is not necessary for any changes to be  
13 made to the DSL service.

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15 Q. DOES THE BATCH MIGRATION APPLY TO LINE SPLITTING?

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17 A. No, BellSouth's batch hot cut process only applies to UNE-P to UNE-L  
18 conversions which were the subject of the TRO. As explained above, by FCC  
19 definition, Line Splitting cannot be accomplished using UNE-P and accordingly,  
20 the batch process is not applicable to hot cuts for lines that involve Line Splitting.  
21 CLECs can submit these orders, however, via the individual hot cut process.  
22 Given the low volume of line sharing and line splitting arrangements (less than  
23 400 line splitting and less than 8000 line sharing) in Florida today, the batch  
24 process is not necessary to convert the embedded base.

1 Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY LINE SPLITTING WITH UNE-L,  
2 CLEC PROVIDED SWITCHING, AND CLEC-OWNED SPLITTER IS JUST  
3 NOW BECOMING AN ISSUE FOR CLECS?  
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5 A. Line Splitting with CLEC provided switching and a CLEC-owned splitter is a  
6 totally new concept. Until October 2, 2003, Line Splitting was only available via  
7 a UNE Port, a UNE Loop, and collocation cross connects. The FCC, in its  
8 Triennial Review Order on page 10 of the Rules (§51.319(a)(1)(ii)(A)) for the  
9 first time expanded the definition of Line Splitting to include CLEC provided  
10 switching. Accordingly, now that the telecommunications industry has had time to  
11 read and digest the many changes contained in the FCC's Triennial Review  
12 Order, new ways of delivering xDSL services to end users are just now being  
13 considered and evaluated. Because this is all so new to all involved parties, it is  
14 just now being discussed between BellSouth and CLECs.  
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16 Q. HAS BELLSOUTH TAKEN STEPS TO FACILITATE LINE SPLITTING  
17 WHEN A CLEC PROVIDES ITS OWN SWITCHING?  
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19 A. Yes. In its purest form, Line Splitting with a CLEC providing its own switching  
20 requires almost no effort on BellSouth's part. BellSouth's obligation is to insure  
21 that the CLECs have the ability to order the UNE-L from the end user to their  
22 collocation cage in the serving wire center. All other requirements to effectuate  
23 Line Splitting with CLEC provided switching are under the exclusive control of  
24 the CLEC and are the responsibility of the CLEC, not BellSouth. However,



1 BellSouth has voluntarily gone beyond its obligations to assist the CLEC in  
2 facilitating various Line Splitting scenarios via the BellSouth/CLEC Line Sharing  
3 and Line Splitting Collaborative, as discussed later in this testimony.

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5 Q. HOW MANY CLEC XDSL LINES ARE POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY  
6 THESE CONVERSIONS?

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8 A. As of October 31, 2003, in Florida BellSouth had a total of 385 Line Splitting  
9 lines in service, and a total of 7,938 Line Sharing lines in service. In the most  
10 unlikely event that all Line Sharing lines in service in Florida converted to Line  
11 Splitting, and then all Line Splitting converted to UNE-L, the maximum total  
12 potential number of lines would only be 8,323. This hypothetical total conversion  
13 of all shared loop lines in Florida to Line Splitting via UNE-L, 8,323 is  
14 approximately 1% of all CLEC owned UNE-P and UNE loops in Florida.

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16 Q. ON PAGE 46, MR. VAN DE WATER STATES "WHILE THERE IS NO  
17 TECHNICAL REASON THAT THE OUTPUT OF THE BELLSOUTH  
18 SPLITTER COULD NOT BE HOT CUT TO THE VOICE CLEC DIRECTLY  
19 FROM THE MDF, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, BELLSOUTH REFUSES TO  
20 DO IT." PLEASE COMMENT.

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22 A. What Mr. Van de Water notably fails to mention is that BellSouth is not obligated  
23 to provide a splitter. Thus, while BellSouth welcomes requests from CLECs for  
24 new services provided at market based rates, there is no obligation for BellSouth

1 to continue to facilitate line splitting between CLECs and DLECs by providing  
2 splitter functionality, if enough CLECs or DLECs wished to purchase BellSouth's  
3 splitter functionality at market base rates, then BellSouth would be willing to  
4 pursue such an offering.

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6 Q. ON PAGE 47, MR. VAN DE WATER STATES "THE ONLY PRACTICAL  
7 PROCESS AVAILABLE IN BELLSOUTH TERRITORY BY WHICH CLECS  
8 AND DLECS CAN IMPLEMENT UNE-L LINE SPLITTING TODAY IS  
9 THROUGH THE USE OF PRE-WIRED (DEDICATED) CAGE-TO-CAGE  
10 CABLING BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE COLLOCATIONS TO ENABLE  
11 INTERCONNECTION OF THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT..." HE GOES  
12 ON TO EXPLAIN IN A FOOTNOTE THAT "CLECS COULD  
13 THEORETICALLY INSTALL NON-DEDICATED CAGE-TO-CAGE  
14 CABLING BETWEEN THEIR COLLOCATIONS, BUT THIS WOULD  
15 REQUIRE A DISPATCH TO EACH PARTY'S COLLOCATION CAGE TO  
16 IMPLEMENT EACH NEW VOICE/DSL CUSTOMER'S SERVICE." WHICH  
17 APPROACH IS ACTUALLY MORE FEASIBLE?

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19 A. Dispatching on every DSL order is actually more feasible than providing  
20 dedicated cabling at the considerable expense Mr. Van de Water describes.  
21 BellSouth's current process for wiring DSL customers requires a dispatch to the  
22 remote terminal, or at the main distribution frame in the central office, for every  
23 new DSL order. Even at high DSL order volumes, this approach is more cost  
24 effective than wiring dedicated cabling between DSLAMs and voice switches.

1 With the penetration rate of DSL service at approximately 10% of voice lines in  
2 Florida, it does not make sense to utilize dedicated wiring for such a low take rate.

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4 Q. ON PAGE 48, MR. VAN DE WATER DESCRIBES SUPPOSED  
5 OPERATIONAL CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH CAGE-TO-CAGE  
6 CROSS CONNECTS (AND THE ASSOCIATED CFAS) AND ROUTING OF  
7 THE CLEC'S VOICE PATH THROUGH A DLEC'S COLLOCATION SPACE.  
8 HOW SIMPLE ARE THE MITIGATING SOLUTIONS TO BOTH OF THESE  
9 'CONCERNS'?

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11 A. If the CLECs share the concerns that Mr. Van De Water has alluded to, then they  
12 have a relatively simple solution that they can employ to mitigate almost all of his  
13 concerns. Specifically, the voice CLEC could install and maintain their own  
14 splitters, and they could approach BellSouth to provide technician dispatches at  
15 market rates.

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17 Q. HOW DOES HAVING THE VOICE CLEC PROVIDE ITS OWN SPLITTERS  
18 MITIGATE MANY OF THE CONCERNS THAT MR. VAN DE WATER  
19 RAISES?

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21 A. By installing and maintaining its own splitter in the CLECs collocation cage, the  
22 CLEC's voice service will no longer pass through the DLEC's collocation cage.  
23 Since the DLEC is no longer in the voice path, they would not be required to  
24 troubleshoot voice service troubles with the CLEC and ILEC. In addition, the

1 DLEC could pre-wire a number of DSLAM ports to the cables coming from the  
2 splitter, which would reduce dispatch costs, since only the CLEC would need to  
3 dispatch for wiring once a DSL order is received. This method would allow all  
4 other voice service wiring procedures to remain 'as is,' and would only require  
5 modifications for the relatively few customers that desire DSL service.

6 For those dispatches that do remain, the CLECs could approach BellSouth to  
7 develop a market based agreement to provide dispatch services for the CLECs.  
8 Because BellSouth is the party most likely to have trained technicians located at  
9 or near the CLEC's collocation cage, a market based rate would likely save the  
10 CLECs considerable costs associated with dispatching technicians to central  
11 offices.

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13 Q. MR. VAN DE WATER DESCRIBES THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CFA  
14 ASSIGNMENTS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT DLEC-PROVIDED  
15 DSL SERVICES WITH CLEC-PROVIDED VOICE SERVICES. HOW  
16 DIFFICULT IS KEEPING THE RECORDS BETWEEN THE DLEC AND  
17 CLEC?

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19 A. Managing CFAs and other assignments is a core functionality of any telephone  
20 company. With the number of customer records, the complexity of managing  
21 facility assignments throughout the network, and interconnection agreements with  
22 ILECs, IXCs and others, managing customer and network records is critical to the  
23 ongoing business of any CLEC. The requirements for CLEC to DLEC CFAs is  
24 no less, or no more, complicated than any other type of record keeping, and the

1 CLECs have no relative advantage, or disadvantage to BellSouth when it comes  
2 to keeping records.

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4 Q. BASED ON THE MITIGATING ALTERNATIVES DESCRIBED ABOVE,  
5 HOW ACCURATE ARE THE 'COSTS' DESCRIBED BY MR. VAN DE  
6 WATER FOR USING A LINE SPLITTING ARRANGEMENT WITH CLEC  
7 PROVIDED SWITCHING?

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9 A. As described above, dispatching technicians to 'recreate' the facility connections  
10 when adding a DLEC provided DSL service is the most economically feasible  
11 alternative. Now that a technician is available to recreate the DSL connection, re-  
12 using the formerly voice only DLC port is a valid option. Therefore, 88% of the  
13 'costs' described by Mr. Van De Water are no longer warranted.

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15 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW CLECS AND DLECS CAN IMPROVE THIS  
16 PROCESS WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY INVOLVEMENT FROM  
17 BELLSOUTH.

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19 A. CLECs could best serve themselves by strengthening the arrangements they have  
20 amongst themselves. As explained in this testimony, BellSouth is merely a  
21 facilitator of Line Splitting and not actually a directly involved party. All of the  
22 necessary components for Line Splitting are currently available to CLECs. It  
23 must be noted that much of the necessary work when migrating to Line Splitting  
24 via UNE-L needs to be done by the CLEC. Accordingly, the CLEC has

1 considerable control over the extent of down time the CLEC xDSL end user  
2 would experience. Just like BellSouth, CLECs need to develop the necessary new  
3 processes, test them, enhance them, and refine them to the point where they are  
4 operationally efficient in order to minimize end user down time.

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6 Q. DO ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MIGRATION SCENARIOS  
7 REQUIRE USE OF AN ASR?

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9 A. No, for all Line Splitting scenarios, and migrations to Line Splitting, CLECs only  
10 need to use existing LSR processes. ASRs are not needed for any currently  
11 available components needed for Line Splitting.

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13 Q. ARE THERE ANY SCENARIOS WHERE PLACING MULTIPLE ORDERS  
14 ARE REQUIRED TO DO A SINGLE CONVERSION?

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16 A. There are a few situations that may require two LSRs be submitted. The first such  
17 situation would be where an end user is moving from one location to another. In  
18 order to establish a shared loop scenario (Line Sharing or Line Splitting via a  
19 UNE Loop, UNE Port and cross connects) the loop at the customers new address  
20 must first have dial tone established. Accordingly, this would require two orders,  
21 one for the voice service and a second to establish the loop sharing. However,  
22 these orders can be "related" and worked together. A second scenario would be  
23 where an end user desires to establish an additional line with xDSL at their  
24 location. As with the above, the voice service must be established first, and then

1 the loop sharing may be established. Again, these orders can be “related” and  
2 worked together. The third such scenario would be where the end user currently  
3 does not have data and desires to change voice providers from BellSouth to a  
4 CLEC and add a shared loop. In this case, if the end user is changing any of the  
5 existing voice service (adding, deleting features, etc.) two orders would be  
6 necessary. As stated above however, any of the remaining types of migrations  
7 can be accomplished with a single LSR.

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9 Q. WHAT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY CLECS AND BELL SOUTH TO  
10 DEVELOP PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES FOR SHARED LOOP  
11 CONVERSIONS?

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13 A. Since the inception of Line Sharing and Line Splitting, BellSouth voluntarily  
14 established the BellSouth/CLEC Line Sharing/Line Splitting Collaborative.  
15 BellSouth developed its shared loop products (Line Sharing and Line Splitting)  
16 through a collaborative process with all interested CLECs. BellSouth invited  
17 CLECs to a collaborative meeting in Atlanta on January 26, 2000. Twelve  
18 CLECs participated in the meeting. The participants agreed to form several  
19 working teams to develop, test, and refine the procedures for pre-ordering,  
20 ordering, and provisioning the High Frequency Portion of the Loop (“HFPL”)  
21 UNE so that CLECs and BellSouth could implement line sharing successfully.  
22 The first meeting of the working teams was held on February 2, 2000. The  
23 participants jointly decided to have two sub-committees: a technical sub-  
24 committee and a systems/process sub-committee. Each sub-committee would

1 meet one day each week. The technical sub-committee worked on technical  
2 issues, such as systems/network architecture and testing. The systems/process  
3 sub-committee focused on the pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance,  
4 and billing issues associated with line sharing. Each sub-committee listed and  
5 prioritized issues and action items. The sub-committees addressed and resolved  
6 issues essential to the development of the architecture and operations plan for the  
7 line sharing product. Beginning April 12, 2000, the collaborative consolidated the  
8 two sub-committees, and the full committee then conducted the collaborative  
9 meetings on one full day each week. Subsequently the Collaborative changed the  
10 meeting schedule to one half day, twice per month.

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12 BellSouth also provides a web site for Line Sharing and Line Splitting  
13 information including meeting logistics, meeting minutes, process flow and  
14 procedures. The web site can be found at  
15 [http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/line\\_sharing\\_collab/index.](http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/line_sharing_collab/index.html)  
16 [html](http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec/line_sharing_collab/index.html)

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18 Q. WHO IS REPRESENTED IN THE BELLSOUTH / CLEC LINE SHARING  
19 AND LINE SPLITTING COLLABORATIVE?

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21 A. Since its inception, the following are some of the companies providing  
22 representation and input to the Collaborative: Aircovr, Al-Call, AT&T,  
23 BellSouth, BlueStar, Covad, Duro Communications, MCI/WorldCom, MTA



1 Consulting, Network Telephone, New Edge, NorthPoint, Rhythms, Sprint,  
2 Volaris, and WebShoppe.

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4 Q. HAVE THE CLECS AND DLECS EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN THE  
5 VARIOUS HOT CUT SCENARIOS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED EARLIER?

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7 Yes, just recently, but their interest has been very limited and generally only  
8 relates to a few specific situations. The first such expression of CLEC interest  
9 was raised during the September 18, 2003 BellSouth/CLEC Line Sharing and  
10 Line Splitting Collaborative (“Collaborative”). A CLEC requested an agenda  
11 item to address BellSouth’s plans to support Line Splitting OSS changes based on  
12 the recent TRO requirements. At the next Collaborative this issue was listed on  
13 the Agenda as a discussion item as requested by the CLEC however, in  
14 accordance with Collaborative policy, because the requesting CLEC was not in  
15 attendance, the discussion was tabled until the next scheduled meeting. During  
16 the October 16, 2003 Collaborative meeting the CLEC’s issue was specifically  
17 identified as BellSouth’s readiness to provide Line Splitting with CLEC voice via  
18 CLEC switch in an electronic ordering environment with seamless provisioning.

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20 Q. ARE YOU SAYING THAT BELLSOUTH’S HOT CUT PROCESS ON LINE  
21 SHARING AND LINE SPLITTING IS A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN TO THE  
22 CLECS?

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24 A. No, at least not according to their actions. The CLECs’ lack of action in the  
25 formal forum for them to work with BellSouth to effectuate change indicates that

1 hot cuts impact on xDSL service are not currently of significant concern to them.

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3 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW BELL SOUTH DECIDES WHICH CLEC  
4 REQUESTS IT WILL WORK ON, AND WHEN?

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6 A. Since the inception of Line Sharing and Line Splitting, BellSouth has continually  
7 solicited input, direction and prioritization from CLECs via the BellSouth/CLEC  
8 Line Sharing/Line Splitting Collaborative, of which AT&T, MCI/WorldCom,  
9 Sprint, Covad, and several others are members. Basically, BellSouth asks the  
10 CLECs to provide a prioritized list of the CLEC's requests for enhancements,  
11 changes, modifications, etc. to Line Sharing /Line Splitting. The listing is then  
12 presented to the Collaborative where the items and related prioritization is voted  
13 on and approved by the Collaborative. BellSouth then uses the consolidated and  
14 Collaborative approved prioritized listing of projects to determine the work  
15 activity of the BellSouth internal team. The attached exhibit EF-3 shows the most  
16 current CLEC prioritization of Line Splitting migrations. All requests on the first  
17 page have already been prioritized by the CLECs, and completed by BellSouth.

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19 Because of the recentness of the TRO and the lack of any significant quantity of  
20 Line Splitting sales (including migrations to Line Splitting) within the BellSouth  
21 region, the request for migrations and or hot-cuts to or from Line Splitting has just  
22 recently been received by BellSouth. As of the November 13, 2003  
23 BellSouth/CLEC Line Sharing and Line Splitting Collaborative, the CLECs have  
24 not yet fully defined or developed their requests, let alone prioritized them. Once

1 received from the CLECs, BellSouth will have the CLECs prioritize and then vote  
2 to approve the prioritization of the desired UNE-L migrations, including any hot  
3 cut scenarios.

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5 a. HAVE THE CLECS FORMALLY REQUESTED BELLSOUTH TO BEGIN  
6 WORK ON ESTABLISHING ANY ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES, ETC. FOR  
7 HOT CUTS OR MIGRATIONS TO UNE-L AS EXPLAINED ABOVE?

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9 A. No. That is what is confusing. As previously mentioned, the CLECs are raising  
10 many of these issues to this Commission but have yet to provide BellSouth with a  
11 prioritized listing of what they are desiring.

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13 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STAND ALONE FASTACCESS SOLUTION THAT  
14 WAS RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED IN FLORIDA IN RESPONSE TO THE  
15 DSL OVER UNE-P DOCKETS.

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17 A. BellSouth has implemented a FPSC ordered standalone FastAccess solution for  
18 end-user customers that have their voice service provided by a CLEC that utilizes  
19 either UNE-P or UNE-L. The StandAlone FastAccess solution utilizes a separate,  
20 BellSouth owned facility, and is not impacted by any conversions of the voice  
21 line. Therefore, any UNE-P to UNE-L conversion, including individual or batch  
22 hot cuts, will not impact the StandAlone FastAccess end users.

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1 Q. ON PAGE 42 OF HIS TESTIMONY, MR. BRADBURY STATES  
2 “ADDITIONALLY, EXCEPT WHEN THE IDLC CUSTOMER CAN BE  
3 PLACED ON A COPPER LOOP LESS THEN 18,000 FEET IN LENGTH  
4 CLECS ARE DENIED THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE DSL SERVICE TO  
5 THEIR CUSTOMERS.” PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT CAPABILITIES CLECS  
6 HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BROADBAND SERVICES TO THEIR  
7 END USERS.

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9 A. CLECs have numerous options available for serving the broadband needs of their  
10 end-user customers in cases other than where IDLC customers can be placed on a  
11 copper loop less than 18,000 feet. Specifically, any CLEC can: (1) place its own  
12 DSLAM at the DLC remote terminal as BellSouth does in such a situation, (2)  
13 provision the end-user customer with Integrated Services Digital Network  
14 (“ISDN”) Digital Subscriber Line (“IDSL”) service, (3) Provide the customer  
15 with a dedicated T1 connection, (4) partner with a cable broadband provider to  
16 provide cable modem broadband service, (5) purchase BellSouth’s tariffed  
17 wholesale DSL offering, (6) deploy a fixed wireless broadband technology, and  
18 (7) partner with a satellite broadband provider.

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20 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.

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22 A. As becomes readily apparent from the above testimony, BellSouth already has in  
23 place the needed processes to handle all known CLEC requested migration  
24 scenarios. In particular, if the CLEC owns the splitter, as it is obligated to do, the

1 CLEC can cut a loop from the BellSouth switch port to a CLEC switch port using  
2 its own processes without interruption to the DSL service. In addition, BellSouth  
3 has demonstrated that CLECs are not harmed in any way with a conversion of  
4 Line Splitting via UNE Loop, UNE Port and cross connects to a UNE-L. In  
5 addition to the requirements, BellSouth has, is, and will continue to voluntarily  
6 provide various items at market based rates to assist the CLEC community with  
7 better serving their end user customers. Additionally, BellSouth has had a long-  
8 standing forum for CLECs to bring their new ideas, needs and requests to the  
9 attention of BellSouth, the BellSouth/CLEC Line Sharing and Line Splitting  
10 Collaborative. Through this Collaborative not only are the CLECs able to assist  
11 with the development of the various offerings, enhancements, etc., they  
12 additionally have significant input into the prioritization of the BellSouth work  
13 effort. As of the last Collaborative meeting, November 13, 2003, the CLECs had  
14 not yet formulated their requests for conversions to or from Line Splitting.  
15 BellSouth has continually demonstrated that it is diligent, prompt and attentive to  
16 the requests of the CLECs, and is committed to remain so. To that end, even  
17 though BellSouth stands ready and waiting, CLECs have not provided any  
18 additional detailed process requests, nor prioritized any additional BellSouth work  
19 efforts to help facilitate xDSL migrations with UNE-P to UNE-L or subsequent  
20 migrations, even though the collaborative meetings with BellSouth has given  
21 them ample opportunity to do so.

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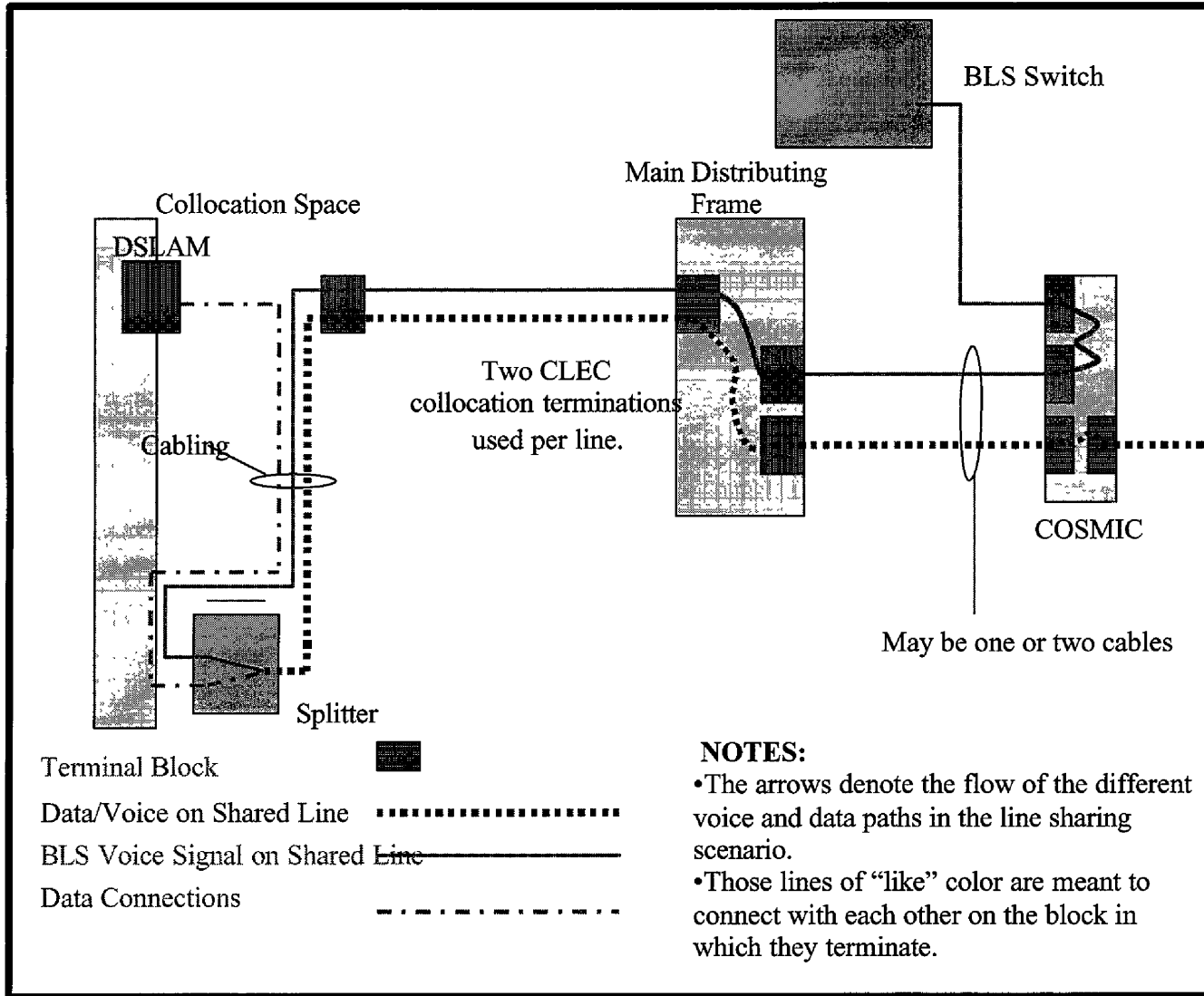
1 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

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3 A. Yes. Thank you.

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# CO-Based Line Splitting



- Conversion From UNE-P To Line Splitting**
- **Remove 1 Cross-Connection**
  - **Make 4 new Cross-Connections**
  - **Test voice and data**

# CLEC Voice on BST UNE-P

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