

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for adoption of an approved interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Rhythms Links, Inc. by NET-tel Corporation.

DOCKET NO. 000716-TP  
ORDER NO. PSC-00-1496-FOF-TP  
ISSUED: August 18, 2000

ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION OF INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLING,  
RESALE, AND COLLOCATION AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 14, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and NET-tel Corporation (NET-tel) filed a notice of adoption in its entirety of the interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement entered into and between BellSouth and Rhythms Links Inc., pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(I) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). This agreement was approved by the Commission by Order No. PSC-99-0630-FOF-TP, issued on November 8, 1999, and is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the agreement may be obtained by contacting our Division of Records and Reporting.

Both the Act and Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, encourage parties to enter into negotiated agreements to bring about local exchange competition as quickly as possible. Under the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), negotiated agreements must be submitted to the state commission for approval. Section 252(I) requires that a local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement approved by the state commission to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement in its entirety. Further, Section 252(e)(4) requires the state to reject or approve the agreement within 90 days after submission or it shall be deemed approved.

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The adoption of this agreement shall be effective on the date of issuance of this Order and will expire on the date specified in the agreement. This agreement governs the relationship between the companies regarding physical collocation, local interconnection and the exchange of traffic pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251. The agreement states that collocation space will be provided for NET-tel in BellSouth's Central Offices and telecommunications services provided by BellSouth for resale will be available for purchase by NET-tel. Rates for the collocation space and telecommunications services are set out in the schedules included in the agreement. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(a)(1), the agreement shall include a detailed schedule of itemized charges for interconnection and each service or network element included in the agreement. The agreement states that telecommunications services provided by BellSouth for resale will be available for purchase by NET-tel at a discount rate of 21.83% for residential services and 16.81% for business services.

Upon review of the proposed adoption, we find that it complies with the Act; thus, we hereby approve it. We note that we hereby approve the adoption of the amendments to the agreement that we have approved as of the issuance of this Order. BellSouth and NET-tel are also required to file any subsequent supplements or modifications to this agreement with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

Based on the foregoing, it is

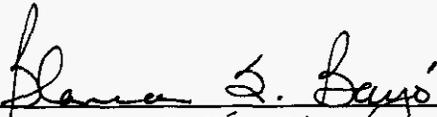
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and NET-tel Corporation's adoption in its entirety of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Rhythms Links Inc.'s interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement, incorporated by reference in this Order, is hereby approved. A copy of the agreement may be obtained as specified in the body of this Order. It is further.

ORDERED that any supplements or modifications to this agreement must be filed with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). It is further

ORDERED that this docket is hereby closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 18th  
day of August, 2000.

  
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BIANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review in Federal district court pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(6).