

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. for
approval of interim resale
agreement with Rhythms Links
Inc.

DOCKET NO. 010630-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-01-1331-FOF-TP
ISSUED: June 18, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RESALE AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 30, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and Rhythms Links Inc. (Rhythms Links) filed a request for approval of an interim resale agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The agreement is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the interim agreement may be obtained by contacting our Division of Records and Reporting.

The Act encourages parties to enter into negotiated agreements. Under the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), negotiated agreements must be submitted to the state commission for approval. Section 252(e)(4) requires the state to reject or approve the agreement within 90 days after submission or it shall be deemed approved.

This interim agreement will remain in effect until such time as BellSouth and Rhythms Links execute a new agreement. Further, the agreement governs the relationship between the companies regarding the resale of tariffed telecommunications services.

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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.

Upon review of the proposed agreement, we find that it complies with the Act; thus, we hereby approve it. BellSouth and Rhythms Links must file any supplements or modifications to their 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 the interim resale agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Rhythms Links Inc., is incorporated by reference in this Order, and is hereby approved. A copy of the interim 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 shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 18th day of June, 2001.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

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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).