

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition of US LEC of Florida, Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Florida, L.P., and ITC^DeltaCom Communications objecting to and requesting suspension of proposed CCS7 Access Arrangement tariff filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 020129-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-1341-PCO-TP
ISSUED: October 2, 2002

ORDER ON JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On January 18, 2002, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BST) filed a tariff with this Commission introducing the CCS7 Access Arrangement. This tariff filing also restructures the offering for Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) providers, and directs them to the equivalent CCS7 Access Arrangement available in the Access Services Tariff. Further, as part of this filing, local switching rates have been reduced to reflect the introduction of charges for intrastate CCS7 usage. The tariff filing went into effect on February 17, 2002.

On February 15, 2002, US LEC of Florida, Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Florida, L.P., and ITC^DeltaCom Communications filed a Joint Petition objecting to and requesting suspension of the CCS7 Access Arrangement Tariff filed by BST, and requesting that this Commission schedule a formal administrative hearing to address the issues raised in its Petition. On March 22, 2002, BST filed its response to the Petition. This matter was set for an administrative hearing by this Commission by Order No. PSC-02-0739-PCO-TP, issued May 31, 2002. The hearing was held on September 10, 2002.

Order No. PSC-02-0853-FOF-TP, issued June 21, 2002, established October 1, 2002, as the deadline for filing posthearing briefs in this docket. On September 27, 2002, a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Posthearing Briefs was filed by ITC^DeltaCom Communications, US LEC of Florida Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Florida, LP, MCI WorldCom, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (Joint Movants). The Joint Movants state

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that they agreed to meet on September 26, 2002, for the purpose of attempting to negotiate a settlement regarding all outstanding issues in this docket. Furthermore, they state a seven (7) day extension will allow all parties a reasonable period of time to engage in negotiations, and if negotiations fail, to file posthearing briefs. Martin P. McDonnell, counsel for US LEC of Florida Inc., states he has spoken with counsel for all other Joint Movants and is authorized to represent there are no objections to this request.

Upon consideration, it appears reasonable and appropriate to extend the posthearing brief due date for all parties as requested. Accordingly the date for all parties to file posthearing briefs is extended until October 7, 2002.

Based on the foregoing, it is,

ORDERED by Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, that ITC^DeltaCom Communications, US LEC of Florida Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Florida, LP, MCI WorldCom, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Posthearing Briefs is approved. The date is hereby extended until October 7, 2002.

By ORDER of Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, this 2nd day of October, 2002.



FOR BAEZ

BRAULIO L. BAEZ
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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