

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC for arbitration of certain terms and conditions of proposed interconnection agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	DOCKET NO. 050419-TP ORDER NO. PSC-06-0219-PCO-TP ISSUED: March 17, 2006
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ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY

On June 20, 2005, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon Access) filed its Petition for Arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a proposed interconnection agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth). On July 15, 2005, BellSouth filed its response to Verizon Access' Petition. Pursuant to Verizon Access' request for arbitration, this matter has been scheduled for an administrative hearing.

By Order No. PSC-05-0927-PCO-TP (Order Establishing Procedure), issued September 19, 2005, certain controlling dates for this Docket were established. On December 9, 2005, Order No. PSC-05-1212-PCO-TP was issued modifying the Order Establishing Procedure. On December 14, 2005, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Continuance of Hearing and Prehearing Deadlines due to the pending merger between MCI and Verizon. By Order No. PSC-05-1264-PCO-TP, issued December 27, 2005, we granted the parties' Joint Motion and further modified the procedural dates for this proceeding. Pursuant to that Order, Supplemental Testimony was due on March 17, 2006.

On March 15, 2006, the parties filed their Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Testimony (Joint Motion). The parties request that we grant a one-week extension of time or until March 24, 2006 to file Supplemental Testimony. In support of their Joint Motion, the parties assert that since the issuance of Order No. PSC-05-1264-PCO-TP, they have continued to negotiate and, as a result, have resolved about half of the outstanding issues. The parties further assert that a one-week extension will provide them an opportunity to resolve additional issues. Furthermore, the parties assert that in the event we grant their Joint Motion, the May 24-25, 2006 hearing dates will not be jeopardized.

Upon consideration, I find it reasonable and appropriate to extend the time for filing Supplemental Testimony in this Docket until March 24, 2006. I further find that since both parties in this Docket have requested the extension, no party will be prejudiced. Therefore, I hereby grant the parties' Joint Motion for Extension of Time to file Supplemental Testimony. The parties shall file their Supplemental Testimony no later than March 24, 2006.

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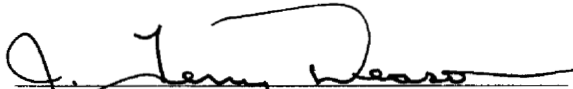
Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, Prehearing Officer, that the parties' Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Supplemental Testimony is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the parties shall file their Supplemental Testimony no later than March 24, 2006. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-05-0927-PCO-TP as modified by Order No. PSC-05-1264-PCO-TP is reaffirmed in all other aspects.

By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, this 17th day of March, 2006.

  
J. TERRY DEASON  
Commissioner and Prehearing 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; or (2) 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'

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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.