

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to establish generic docket to consider amendments to interconnection agreements resulting from changes in law, by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 041269-TP  
ORDER NO. PSC-06-0328-CFO-TP  
ISSUED: April 24, 2006

ORDER GRANTING NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S  
REQUEST FOR SPECIFIED CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF  
DOCUMENT NOS. 11252-05 AND 11253-05

On November 1, 2004, BellSouth Telecommunication Inc.'s (BellSouth) filed a Petition asking this Commission to determine what changes are required in existing, approved interconnection agreements between BellSouth and CLECs in Florida as a result of changes in law from recent FCC and federal appellate court decisions.

A final administrative hearing was conducted on November 2-4, 2005 before a panel of three Commissioners.

On November 28, 2005, NuVox Communications, Inc. (NuVox) filed a request for specified confidential classification. In its request, NuVox seeks confidential classification of information contained in both its Initial and Supplemental Response to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories, No. 1-3 (Document Nos. 11252-05 and 11253-05). Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, contains a detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue. I understand that NuVox treats this information as confidential and it has not otherwise been released.

Florida law presumes that documents submitted to governmental agencies shall be public records. The only exceptions to this presumption are the specific statutory exemptions provided in the law and exemptions granted by governmental agencies pursuant to the specific terms of a statutory provision. This presumption is based on the concept that government should operate in the "sunshine." Rule 25-22.006 (4)(c), Florida Administrative Code, provides that it is the Company's burden to demonstrate that the documents fall into one of the statutory examples set out in Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, or to demonstrate that the information is proprietary confidential information, the disclosure of which will cause the Company or its ratepayers harm.

Section 364.183 (3), Florida Statutes, in pertinent part, provides:

The term "proprietary confidential business information" means information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless

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disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public.

Based on the definition of proprietary confidential business information in Section 364.183 (3), Florida Statutes, it appears that the material described herein is proprietary business information in accordance with Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. Disclosure of this information could harm Nuvox by giving its competitors an unfair advantage in developing their own competitive strategies. As such, Nuvox's Request for Specified Confidential Classification of information contained in both its Initial and Supplemental Response to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories, No. 1-3 (Document Nos. 11252-05 and 11253-05) is hereby granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, that NuVox Communications, Inc.'s Request for Specified Confidential Classification of Document Nos. 11252-05 and 11253-05, as set forth in Attachment A, which is attached and incorporated herein, is granted. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, the confidentiality granted to the material specified herein shall expire eighteen (18) months from the date of the issuance of this Order, in the absence of a renewed request for confidentiality pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes. It is further

ORDERED that this Order will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period.

By ORDER of Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, this 24th day of April, 2006.



LISA POLAK EDGAR  
Chairman 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 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.

## ATTACHMENT "A"

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<u>Document</u>	<u>Request and Page No.</u>	<u>Lines</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Response to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories	1, page 2	Entire Response	The copies contain <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> Information regarding the location of wire centers and arrangements for NuVox. This information is related to the ongoing business affairs and operations of NuVox and can be used by competitors to harm competitive interests. Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, allows for an exemption from the disclosure requirements of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, when disclosure would "impair the competitive business of the Providers of the information." Therefore, the information should be shielded from disclosure Pursuant to section 119.07, Florida Statutes, and section 24(a), Art. 1 of the State Constitution.
	2, page 3	Entire Response	
	3, pages 3 and 4	Entire Response	
Supplemental Responses to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories	1, page 2	Entire Response	
	2, page 3	Entire Response	
	3, page 4	Entire Response	