

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-06-0330-CFO-TP  
ISSUED: April 24, 2006

ORDER GRANTING BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S REQUEST  
FOR SPECIFIED CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF  
DOCUMENT NO. 10987-05

On November 1, 2004, 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 15, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) filed a request for specified confidential classification. In its request, BellSouth seeks confidential classification of information contained in CompSouth's Response to Staff's First Request for Production, No. 1 (Document No. 10987-05). BellSouth asserts CompSouth's Response to Staff's First Request for Production, No. 1, contains confidential, wire center business information of BellSouth. Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, contains a detailed justification of the confidentiality of the information at issue. I understand that BellSouth 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

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information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless 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 BellSouth by giving its competitors an unfair advantage in developing their own competitive strategies. As such, BellSouth's Request for Specified Confidential Classification of information contained in CompSouth's Response to Staff's First Request for Production, No. 1 (Document No. 10987-05), is hereby granted.


Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, as Prehearing Officer, that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Specified Confidential Classification of Document No. 10987-05, 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.

  
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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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**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF COMPSOUTH'S RESPONSE  
TO STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, ITEM NO 1,  
FILED OCTOBER 21, 2005 IN FLORIDA DOCKET NO. 041269-TP**

**Explanation of Proprietary Information**

1. This information contains business information related to competitive interests of BellSouth that is proprietary to BellSouth. Disclosure of this data would impair the competitive business and cause harm to BellSouth. Specifically, this information relates to line counts for specific retail and wholesale services. Consequently, this information should be classified as proprietary, confidential business information pursuant to Section 364.183(3)(e), Florida Statutes and is exempt from the Open Records Act.

**Production of Documents, Item No. 1**

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