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August 9, 1996

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Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
101 E. Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Docket No. 960786-TP, In re: Consideration of
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. entry into
InterLATA services pursuant to Section 271 of the
Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and
fifteen copies of FIXCA's Request for Official Recognition in the
above docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy
enclosed herein and return it to me. Thank you for your
assistance.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. McGlothlin

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Consideration of BellSouth)	
Telecommunications, Inc. entry into)	Docket No. 960786-TL
InterLATA services pursuant to Section)	
271 of the Federal Telecommunications)	Filed: AUGUST 9, 1996
Act of 1996.)	

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

Pursuant to Section 120.61, Florida Statutes (1995), the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association (FIXCA) requests the Prehearing Officer to take official recognition of the July 18, 1996 order of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, entered in Case No. 96-702-TP-COI (attached), and states:


1. FIXCA and BellSouth orally argued FIXCA's oral motion to compel answers to outstanding discovery requests on August 7, 1996.
2. On the afternoon of August 8, the attached order of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, entered in a proceeding analogous to this docket, came to the attention of the undersigned.
3. By this pleading, FIXCA wishes only to bring the order to the attention of the Prehearing Officer without argument.
4. If BellSouth indicates it wishes to contest this request for official recognition, FIXCA respectfully requests that an expedited time frame be established for any such response.

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Wherefore, FIXCA requests the Prehearing Officer to take official recognition of the attached order of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Official Recognition has been furnished by U. S. Mail, by hand delivery(*) or by overnight delivery and facsimile(**) on this 9th day of July, 1996 to the following:

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Investigation Into)
Ameritech Ohio's Entry Into In-Region Inter-) Case No. 96-702-TP-COI
LATA Services Under Section 271 of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) governs Ameritech Ohio's (Ameritech) entry into in-region interLATA service. Specifically, Section 271(d) provides that Ameritech may apply to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at any time for authority to provide in-region originating interLATA service in Ohio. The FCC must issue its decision on the application within 90 days. The application shall not be approved unless (a) Ameritech has met the requirements of Section 271(c)(1), (b) the authorization will be carried out in accordance with Section 272 separate affiliate safeguards, and (c) the requested authorization is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The FCC shall consult with the Ohio Commission to verify that Ameritech has complied with the requirements set forth in Section 271(c). In addition, the FCC shall consult with the Department of Justice (DOJ), which shall evaluate the application under any standard it deems appropriate.
- (2) Because of the limited time in which the FCC has to act on the application and consult with us and the DOJ, we believe that it is crucial for this Commission to consider in advance what information will be needed in order to evaluate thoroughly Ameritech's compliance with Section 271(c) and to make a comprehensive recommendation to the FCC. In order to begin the process, we find it appropriate at this time to schedule a transcribed prehearing conference with Ameritech and interested entities to discuss issues and concerns related to Ameritech's entry under Section 271 as well as to discuss the procedures and time line under which this Commission would analyze the relevant information to meet its obligation under the Act. The prehearing conference will be held on Friday, July 26, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission offices, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

- (3) Attached to this entry are three groups of inquiry which the Commission deems relevant and eventually will seek input on in this proceeding. The Commission notes that the DOJ provided the majority of the questions to the Commission to ensure that we develop a comprehensive record to support our recommendation. Group A focuses on the local market and whether the objectives of the Act are being achieved. The information will be valuable in evaluating conflicting arguments concerning implementation of the competitive checklist and in evaluating whether approval of an application would be in the public interest. Group B includes information relevant in determining compliance with the 14-point checklist of Section 271(c)(2)(B). Such information would include specific provisions of the access and interconnection agreements (under Track A) or the statement of generally available terms (under Track B). Group C focuses on public interest concerns.
- (4) Participants should file a statement in this docket by no later than Thursday, July 25, 1996, of any additional issues or concerns relevant to the Commission's recommendation in this matter along with recommended procedures by which the Commission should analyze this information.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That this matter be scheduled for a prehearing conference on Friday, July 26, 1996. It is, further,

ORDERED, That participants file a statement setting forth any issues or concerns not already outlined in the Attachment by no later than Thursday, July 25, 1996. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all telephone companies in Ohio, the Ohio Telephone Association, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, all new local exchange companies with pending applications, the Department of Justice, the FCC, all parties in Case Nos. 93-487-TP-ALT and 93-576-TP-CSS, and any other interested person.

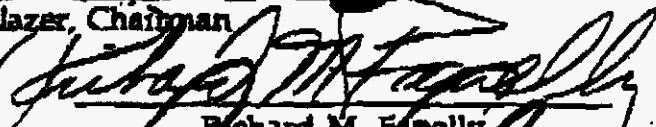
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Craig A. Glazer, Chairman



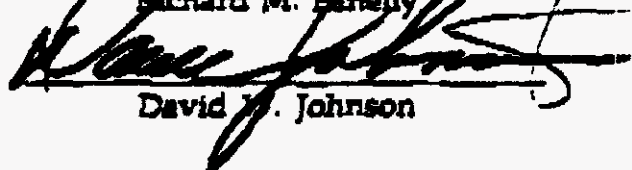
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ATTACHMENT

A. Competitive Environment in the State

- (1) the identity of the entities that have been certified or otherwise authorized by Ohio as providers of (i) facilities-based local exchange service, (ii) resold local exchange service, and (iii) exchange access service;
- (2) whether and the extent to which each such entity is providing business exchange service, residential exchange service, business exchange access service or residential exchange access service (identifying special or switched access), or, if the competitor is not providing any of these services now, whether it has announced that it plans to offer any of these services now, whether it has announced that it plans to offer any of these services and if so, when;
- (3) the identity of the entities that have requested interconnection or unbundled elements from Ameritech or ability to resell Ameritech's services as of the time of filing of the application, specifying the types of interconnection, unbundled elements or services requested, the date each request was made, and the requests with respect to which Ameritech and the requesting entity have entered into a binding agreement, and provide a complete copy of any agreement or agreements (including prices charged) and proof of state approval under Section 252 of the Act if any;
- (4) the number of access lines in Ohio that are served by the entity or entities Ameritech considers to be local competitors; the number and location of Ameritech's switches in Ohio that are connected to local loops served by competitors; the scope of the geographic areas, and the number and types of customers, for which the competitor's services are available; the extent to which each competitor is using its own facilities to provide service or is using unbundled elements or resold services obtained from Ameritech; a description of the competitor's facilities in operation in Ameritech's service area; whether the competitor is currently constructing or significantly expanding those facilities, and if so, when the construction/expansion is expected to be completed; and the average provisioning intervals and maintenance times for services Ameritech provides to competitors compared with those it provides to itself;

- (5) the number of access lines that Ameritech serves in Ohio; the number, type and location of switches that Ameritech has in Ohio; the scope of the geographic area, and the number of types of customers, for which Ameritech's services are available; and the amount of revenues that Ameritech derived from Ohio in the most recent year preceding that in which the application is filed, indicating amounts derived from basic local residential services, basic local business services, intraLATA toll, access charges, and other types of services;
- (6) any reports, studies or analyses available, and created within the past year preceding Ameritech's application, that contain data on market shares of Ameritech and local telephone service competitors, or compare volumes or traffic, revenues, or facilities of Ameritech and local competitors, or evaluate the likely entry, success or rate of growth of competitors or potential competitors; and
- (7) a description and current status of all complaints made to Ameritech, to the FUCO, to the FCC or to other governmental authorities by other carriers, competitors, or entities that have requested interconnection, access or the ability to resell Ameritech services.

B. Implementation of the Competitive Checklist

- (1) what points are available for interconnection with Ameritech, whether those points include physical collocation at Ameritech's premises, and the end offices where physical collocation exists, as well as the pricing methodology used for such interconnection;
- (2) whether local loop transmission, local transport, local switching are offered on an unbundled basis by Ameritech, as well as the pricing methodology used for such unbundled network elements; which elements have been requested by entities seeking interconnection and access, and what is the record concerning Ameritech's responsiveness to such requests;
- (3) any differences that exist in the ability of Ameritech and other providers to have access to poles, ducts and rights-of-way, and the process charged by Ameritech for such access to poles, ducts and rights-of-way it owns or controls;

- (4) whether number portability is being provided on an interim or full basis, the characteristics of the interim system and differences between the terms available to Ameritech and its local competitors, the pricing methodology used to determine charges for the type of number portability provided, and when full number portability will be implemented;
- (5) whether dialing parity has been provided for both local and for intraLATA toll services, and if not, whether Ameritech has deployed the capability to provide such parity and whether it will provide such dialing parity at an earlier time than when it offers interLATA services in Ohio or only at that time under Section 271(e)(2);
- (6) how Ameritech has established reciprocal compensation arrangements (including any bill and keep arrangements) with other entities, and what types of reciprocal arrangements for termination of traffic (including any bill and keep arrangements) Ameritech had with other carriers as of the enactment of the Act;
- (7) whether all of the services offered by Ameritech have been made available for resale on the on the same terms previously offered, and if not, which services have been withdrawn or changed in terms with respect to resale, as well as the percentage discounts offered for resold services, and any restrictions or limitations Ameritech imposes on the resale of its services;
- (8) on what terms has Ameritech provided access to 911 and E911 services, directory assistance services to allow the other carrier's customers to obtain telephone numbers, and operator call competition services;
- (9) on what terms has white pages directory listings for customers of the other carrier's telephone exchange services;
- (10) on what terms does Ameritech provide access to telephone numbers for assignment to the other carrier's telephone exchange service customers; and
- (11) on what terms does Ameritech provide access to database and associated signaling necessary for call routing and completion.

C Determination of the Public Interest, Convenience, and Necessity

Participants should address what additional analysis or criteria, if any, should be considered in determining whether the public interest, convenience, and necessity will be served by Ameritech's entry into in-region interLATA markets.