

ORIGINAL
FILE COPY

LAW OFFICES

McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Rief & Bakas, P.A.

100 NORTH TAMPA STREET, SUITE 2800

TAMPA, FLORIDA 33602-5126

MAILING ADDRESS: TAMPA

P.O. Box 3350, TAMPA, FLORIDA 33601-3350

TELEPHONE (813) 224-0866

FAX (813) 221-1854

CABLE GRANDLAW

PLEASE REPLY TO:
TALLAHASSEE

TALLAHASSEE OFFICE

117 S. GADSDEN

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301

TELEPHONE (904) 222-2525

FAX (904) 222-5606

LYNWOOD F. ARNOLD, JR.
JOHN W. BAKAS, JR.
HARRY LEE COE, IV
LINDA DARSEY HARTLEY
C. THOMAS DAVIDSON
STEPHEN O. DECKER
LINDA E. JORGE
VICKI GORDON KAUFMAN
JOSEPH A. MCGLOTHLIN
JOHN W. MCWHIRTER, JR.
RICHARD W. REEVES
FRANK J. RIEF, III
DAVID W. STEEN
PAUL A. STRASKE

September 20, 1996

HAND DELIVERED

Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Fl 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 920260-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and fifteen copies of The Florida Interexchange Carriers Association's Prehearing Statement in the above docket.

I have also enclosed a disk containing the Prehearing Statement entitled "RED96.PHS," formatted in WordPerfect Version 5.1.

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

Sincerely,

Vicki Gordon Kaufman

- ACK
- AFA
- APP
- CAF
- CMU
- CTR
- EAG
- LEG
- LIN
- OPC
- RCH
- SEC
- WAS
- OTH

RECEIVED & FILED
SEP 20 1996
FPSC-BUREAU OF RECORDS

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE
10082 SEP 20 1996
FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

ORIGINAL
FILE COPY

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Comprehensive Review of the Revenue)
Requirements and Rate Stabilization Plan of)
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.)
_____)

Docket No. 920260-TL
Filed: September 20, 1996

THE FLORIDA INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-1090-PCO-TL, the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association (FIXCA) files its Prehearing Statement.

A. APPEARANCES:

JOSEPH A. MCGLOTHLIN and VICKI GORDON KAUFMAN, McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Rief and Bakas, 117 S. Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301

On Behalf of the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association.

B. WITNESSES:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Joseph Gillan	Disposition of required BellSouth revenue reduction	1-3

C. EXHIBITS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

FIXCA's Statement of Basic Position:

The Commission should approve the Joint Proposal sponsored by ATT, MCI, Sprint, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw. At the core of this proposal is an access charge reduction. Such a reduction in access charges is now a policy imperative due to the

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE
10082 SEP 20 96
FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

recent passage of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act).

The main benefits of the Act can only be realized if BellSouth's carrier charges, including access, are cost-based. This will allow there to be competitively drawn local calling areas based on the demands of the market place. Due to the provisions of the Florida telecommunications law, this may be the Commission's last and best chance to achieve the needed access reform so that the benefits of local competition can be realized.

The Commission should use this opportunity to apply a portion of the unspecified refund to eliminate the "residual interconnection charge" (RIC). As the Commission has previously recognized, this charge has no cost basis and should be eliminated.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

1. **ISSUE:** Below are listed the proposals of various interested parties to this proceeding with respect to the disposition of the scheduled 1996 unspecified rate reductions. Which, if any, should be approved?

A) BellSouth:	<u>millions</u>
1) Reduce switched access (introduce zone density)	\$16.40
2) Reduce PBX rates and introduce term contracts	13.45
3) Waive certain business and residential Secondary Service Order charges	5.81
4) Reduce First Line Connection charge (Business)	3.22
5) Introduce Area Plus for Business	2.25
6) Eliminate usage charge on Remote Call Forwarding	2.01
7) Reduce DID recurring and non-recurring charges	1.88
8) Credit for ECS routes implemented	1.10
9) Reduce Business Line monthly rates in Rate Group 12	.62
10) Reduce Megalink interoffice rates	.58

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| A) BellSouth: | <u>millions</u> |
| 11) Reduce WATS and 800 Service access line charges | .36 |
| 12) Eliminate the Secondary Service Order charge
for WatsSaver | .30 |
| 13) Reduce SNAC charges for Business | .07 |
| 14) Reduce DS-1 interoffice mileage rates | <u>.04</u> |
| | \$48.09 |
|
 | |
| B) Joint Proposal of ATT, MCI, Sprint Communications, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw Communications: | <u>millions</u> |
| 1) Reduce PBX and DID trunk charges | \$11.00 |
| 2) Eliminate the Residual Interconnection Charge | 35.00 |
| 3) Reduce mobile interconnection rates | <u>2.00</u> |
| | \$48.00 |
|
 | |
| C) Public Counsel: | |
| Establish a reserve fund to assist BST customers who have experienced problems with conversion to the 954 NPA. | |
|
 | |
| D) FCTA: | |
| Eliminate nonrecurring charges for interconnection trunks and special access circuits ordered by ALECs. | |
|
 | |
| E) Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc./Florida Today: | |
| Reduce usage rates for N11 service to \$.02 per minute. | |

FIXCA: The Joint Proposal of ATT, MCI, Sprint, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw should be approved. This proposal calls for an access charge reduction, through the elimination of the RIC, which will move BellSouth's carrier charges toward a cost basis and hasten the benefits of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. (Gillan)

2. ISSUE: To the extent the Commission does not approve the plans proposed by BellSouth, Public Counsel, FCTA, Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc./Florida Today and AT&T, MCI, Sprint, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw, how should the

Commission implement the scheduled rate reduction?

FIXCA: The Commission should approve the Joint Proposal as submitted by AT&T, MCI, Sprint, FIXCA, Ad Hoc and McCaw. (Gillan).

3. ISSUE: What should be the effective dates of the approved tariffs?

FIXCA: No position at this time.

F. STIPULATED ISSUES:


None.

G. PENDING MOTIONS:

FIXCA has no pending motions.

H. OTHER MATTERS:

None at this time.



Joseph A. McGlothlin
Vicki Gordon Kaufman
McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin,
Davidson, Rief & Bakas, P.A.
117 South Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Attorneys for The Florida Interexchange
Carriers Association

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the The Florida Interexchange Carriers Association's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by hand delivery* or by U.S. Mail to the following parties of record, this 20th day of September, 1996:

*Robert Elias
Division of Legal Services
Florida Public Service Commission
Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 370
2540 Shumard Oak Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

*Robin Norton
Division of Communications
Florida Public Service Commission
Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 270
2540 Shumard Oak Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Susan Weinstock
Department of State Legislation
601 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20049

Michael J. Henry
MCI Telecommunications
Corporation
780 Johnson Ferry Road
Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30342

Richard D. Melson
Hopping Green Sams & Smith
123 South Calhoun Street
Post Office Box 6526
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Jack Shreve
Public Counsel
Office of Public Counsel
c/o The Florida Legislature
111 West Madison Street
Room 812
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400

Michael W. Tye
AT&T Communications
101 North Monroe Street
Suite 700
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Floyd Self
Messer, Caparello, Madsen,
Goldman & Metz, P.A.
Post Office Box 1876
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Tony Key
Sprint Communications Company
3100 Cumberland Circle, #802
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

Dan B. Hendrickson
Post Office Box 1201
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Laura L. Wilson
Florida Cable Telecommunications
Association, Inc.
310 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Rick Wright
Auditing & Financial Analysis
Division
Florida Public Service Commission
Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 215
2540 Shumard Oak Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Peter Q. Nyce, Jr.
General Attorney
Regulatory Law Office
Office of The Judge Advocate General
U.S. Army Litigation Center
901 North Stuart Street, Suite 713
Arlington, Virginia 22203-1837

Patricia Kurlin
Steve Brown
Intermedia Communications, Inc.
3625 Queen Palm Drive
Tampa, Florida 33619-1309

Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.
Bloostron, Mordofsky, Jackson
& Dickens
2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20037-1527

Mark Richard
Locals 3121, 3122 & 3107
304 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Michael A. Gross
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Legal Affairs
PL-01, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

Angela Green
Florida Public Telecommunications
Association, Inc.
125 South Gadsden Street
Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1525

Patrick K. Wiggins
Marsha E. Rule
Wiggins & Villacorta, P.A.
501 East Tennessee Street
Suite B
Post Office Drawer 1657
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

C. Everett Boyd, Jr.
Ervin, Varn, Jacobs, Odom & Ervin
Post Office Box 1170
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Benjamin W. Fincher
Sprint Communications Company
3100 Cumberland Circle
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
Mailstop: GAATLN0802

Kenneth A. Hoffman
Rutledge, Ecenia, Underwood,
Purnell & Hoffman
215 South Monroe Street, Suite 420
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1841

Douglas S. Metcalf
Communications Consultants, Inc.
Post Office Box 1148
Winter Park, Florida 32790-1148


William H. Higgins
AT&T Wireless Services of
Florida, Inc.
250 South Australian Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Robert G. Beatty
J. Phillip Carver
c/o Nancy H. Sims
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
150 South Monroe Street, Suite 400
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Mark K. Logan
Bryant, Miller and Olive, P.A.
201 South Monroe Street, Suite 500
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Robin Dunson
AT&T Communications
1200 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Room 4038
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Martha P. McMillin
MCI Telecommunications
Corporation
780 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30342


Vicki Gordon Kaufman