

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

 In the Matter of : DOCKET NO. 971044-TP
 :
 Petition of National :
 Telecommunication, Inc., d/b/a :
 National Tel for resolution of :
 dispute arising under resale :
 agreement with BellSouth :
 Telecommunications, Inc. :



PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

BEFORE: COMMISSIONER JOE GARCIA
Prehearing Officer

DATE: Friday, December 12, 1997

TIME: Commenced at 9:30 a.m.
Concluded at 9:33 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 152
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

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1 **APPEARANCES:**

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5 **GREGORY D. ARTIS**, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc,
6 657 West Peachtree Street, Suite 4300, Atlanta,
7 Georgia 30375-0001, appearing on behalf of BellSouth
8 Telecommunications, Inc.

9 **C. EVERETT BOYD, JR.**, Ervin, Varn, Jacobs &
10 Ervin, 305 South Gadsden Street, P. O. Drawer 1170,
11 Tallahassee, Florida 32302, appearing on behalf of
12 National Telecommunications, Inc.

13 **WILLIAM P. COX**, Florida Public Service
14 Commission, Division of Legal Services, 2540 Shumard
15 Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870,
16 appearing on behalf of the Commission Staff.

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1 Commission Staff.

2 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Are there any
3 preliminary matters?

4 MR. COX: I don't know if the parties have
5 any. Staff has two minor things.

6 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Anything?

7 MR. BOYD: Not as a preliminary matter. No,
8 sir.

9 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay.

10 MR. COX: Okay. The only changes that we'd
11 like to make is one on Page 5, Staff's basic position,
12 where it reads, "Staff: None pending discovery," that
13 should be changed to "None pending review of record."

14 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay.

15 MR. COX: The second minor change, and we
16 wanted to see if the parties would agree to combine
17 direct and rebuttal for the purposes of the hearing.

18 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay.

19 MS. WHITE: That's fine with BellSouth.

20 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir, that will be fine with
21 us, too.

22 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay.

23 MR. COX: That's all that Staff has.

24 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: All right. Do you
25 want us to go through the order or is there something

1 you would like to address and that way we can skip
2 through that ordeal.

3 MS. WHITE: We've looked through the
4 prehearing statement, and it appears correct to us
5 from BellSouth's view.

6 MR. BOYD: And it looks correct to us, too,
7 Commissioner. I don't see a need to go through it
8 step-by-step.

9 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay.

10 MR. BOYD: There's one additional matter I'd
11 like to raise. I'd like to request that we be
12 permitted to make brief opening statements at the
13 hearing. I don't believe this is going to be a
14 lengthy hearing.

15 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Right.

16 MR. BOYD: So, I think --

17 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Why lengthen it?

18 MR. BOYD: Well, I think that this is more
19 an interpretation -- legal interpretation and
20 application of the contract.

21 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Would five minutes
22 suffice?

23 MR. BOYD: Yes, sir, that would be mine.

24 COMMISSIONER GARCIA: All right. Let's make
25 that a part --

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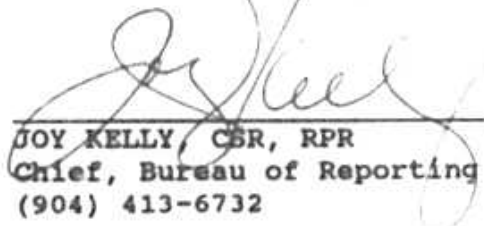
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I, JOY KELLY, CSR, RPR, Chief, Bureau of
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DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the Prehearing
Conference in Docket No. 971044-TP was heard by the
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place herein stated; it is further

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DATED this 12th day of December, 1997.



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