

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to remove interLATA access subsidy received by St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company.

DOCKET NO. 970808-TL  
DATED: MARCH 20, 1998

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY AND REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS TO PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Staff) asks that the Commission grant it an extension of time to file its direct testimony until April 15, 1998. Staff also asks that the Commission modify certain parts of the remaining procedural schedule established by Order No. PSC-98-0300-PCO-TL, issued February 18, 1998. As reasons for these requests, Staff states that

1. In accordance with Order No. PSC-98-0300-PCO-TL, issued in this Docket on February 18, 1998, Staff's direct testimony is due to be filed March 20, 1998. However, portions of staff's testimony are largely dependent upon the Commission's decision on reconsideration of Order No. PSC-98-0300-PCO-TL and the discovery which GTC was required to submit pursuant to that Order. The Commission is currently scheduled to consider GTC's Motion for

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Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-98-0300-PCO-TL at its March 24, 1998, Agenda Conference.

2. The Commission's decision on reconsideration, as well as the discovery responses, will not only have significant bearing on the substance of staff's testimony, but will also determine which staff members are called upon to be witnesses in this case. As a practical matter, staff would like to avoid losing staff members from the analysis portion of this case to become witnesses unless it is clearly necessary.

3. Furthermore, staff believes that if its request for an extension of time is granted, the remaining filing dates established by Order No. PSC-98-0300-PCO-TL should be moved in the interest of fairness to all parties. Staff believes that the dates could be moved without affecting the hearing or prehearing dates. Staff suggests the following modifications:

Rebuttal Testimony/All	April 22, 1998
Prehearing Statements	April 24, 1998

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These suggested dates will allow all parties adequate time to respond to staff's testimony without creating conflict with the hearing dates.

4. On the authority of counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and GTC, Inc., Staff represents that neither party opposes Staff's request.

For these reasons, Staff asks that the Commission grant its request for an extension of time to file its direct testimony April 15, 1998, and modify the remainder of the procedural schedule as indicated herein.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 1998.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I Hereby Certify that a true and correct copy of Motion for Extension of Time to File Direct Testimony and Request for Modifications to Procedural Schedule has been furnished by U.S. Mail, this 20th day of March, to the following:

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