

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. for
approval of amendment to
interconnection agreement with
MFS Communications, Inc.
pursuant to Sections 251, 252,
and 271 of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

DOCKET NO. 981383-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-99-0007-FOF-TP
ISSUED: January 4, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JOE GARCIA
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 21, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and MFS Communications, Inc. (MFS) filed a request for approval of an amendment to the existing interconnection agreement under 47 U.S.C. §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The amendment to the existing agreement is attached to this Order as Attachment A and incorporated by reference herein.

Both the Act and Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, encourage parties to enter into negotiated agreements to bring about local exchange competition as quickly as possible. Under the requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e), negotiated agreements must be submitted to the state commission for approval. Section 252(e)(4) requires the state to reject or approve the agreement within 90 days after submission or it shall be deemed approved.

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This amendment to the existing governs the relationship between the companies regarding local interconnection and the exchange of traffic pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251. Upon review of the proposed amendment to the existing agreement, we believe that it complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996; thus, we hereby approve it. The Commission's approval of this agreement should not be construed as a determination that BellSouth has met the requirements of Section 271 of the Act. BellSouth and MFS are also required to file any subsequent supplements or modifications to their agreement with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). We note that MFS does not currently hold a Florida certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service, and therefore, it cannot provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services under this agreement until it obtains a certificate from this Commission.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the amendment to the existing interconnection agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and MFS Communications, Inc., as set forth in Attachment A and incorporated by reference in this Order, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that any supplements or modifications to this agreement must be filed with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). It is further

ORDERED that MFS Communications, Inc. shall not provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services under this agreement until it obtains a certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services from this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 4th
day of January, 1999.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

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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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review in Federal district court pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(6).

**FOURTH
AMENDMENT
TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MFS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC. AND
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DATED AUGUST 26, 1996**

Pursuant to this Agreement, (the "Amendment") MFS Communications Company, Inc. ("MFS") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated August 26, 1996 ("Interconnection Agreement").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ~~MFS~~ and BellSouth hereby covenant and agree as follows:

See MFS

1. Based on the Order issued by the Florida Public Service Commission on April 29, 1998 in Docket No. 960757, 960833, 960846, the final rates for certain rate elements which were previously ordered as interim, pending filing of cost studies, shall be as set forth in the Rate Tables attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2 All of the other provisions, of the Florida Interconnection Agreement, dated August 26, 1996, shall remain in full force and effect.

3 Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the Florida Public Service Commission or other regulatory body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Amendment, for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

MFS Communications Company, Inc.

By: 

Name: ERIC A. ARTMAN
Title: V.P. WORLDWIDE

Date: 27 July 1998

**BellSouth Telecommunications,
Inc.**

By: 

Name: Jerry D. Hendrix
Title: Director-Interconnection
Service-Pricing

Date: July 27/98

**WELLSOUTH/MFS RATES - FLORIDA
 UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS**

NIDs	
NID, per month	\$1.08
Installation of 2-Wire/4-Wire ALEC NID, NRC - 1st	\$70.32
Installation of 2-Wire/4-Wire ALEC NID, NRC - Add'l	\$54.35
NID to NID Cross Connect, 2-Wire or 4-Wire, NRC	\$6.15
LOOP, INCLUDING NID	
2-Wire Asymmetrical Dig Sub Line (ADSL)/Compatible Loop, per mo	\$15.81
NRC - 1 st	\$113.85
NRC - Add'l	\$99.61
2-Wire High Bit Rate Dig Sub Line (HDSL)/Compatible Loop, per mo	\$12.12
NRC - 1 st	\$113.85
NRC - Add'l	\$99.61
4-Wire High Bit Rate Dig Sub Line (HDSL)/Compatible Loop, per mo	\$18.24
NRC - 1 st	\$116.91
NRC - Add'l	\$101.71
SUB-LOOPS	
Loop Distribution per 2-Wire Analog VG Loop (Incl NID), per month	\$8.57
NRC - 1 st	\$78.29
NRC - Add'l	\$58.33
Loop Distribution per 4-Wire Analog VG Loop (Incl NID), per month	\$11.29
NRC - 1 st	\$112.07
NRC - Add'l	\$92.11
UNBUNDLED LOCAL EXCHANGE SWITCHING (PORTS)	
4-Wire Analog VG Port, per month	\$9.14
NRC - 1 st	\$5.86
NRC - Add'l	\$5.86
UNBUNDLED TRANSPORT	
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS1	
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated DS1 Level Interoffice per mile per mo	\$0.6013
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated DS1 - facilities term per mo	\$101.61
NRC - 1 st	\$45.91
NRC - Add'l	\$44.18
Interoffice Transport - Local Channel DS1, per month	\$44.35
NRC - 1 st	\$246.50
NRC - Add'l	\$230.49
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS	
DIRECTORY TRANSPORT SERVICES	
Directory Transport	
Directory Transport - Local Channel DS1, per month	\$43.64
NRC - 1 st	\$242.45
NRC - Add'l	\$226.44
Directory Transport - Dedicated DS1 Level Interoffice per mile per mo	\$0.6013
Directory Transport - Dedicated DS1 Level Interoffice per fac term per mo	\$99.79
NRC - 1 st	\$45.91
NRC - Add'l	\$44.18
Directory Transport-Installation NRC, per trunk or signaling connection	
NRC - 1 st	\$332.42
NRC - Add'l	\$8.82

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Physical Collocation Rates

Rate Element Description	Unit	Recurring Rate (RC)	Non-Recurring Rate (NRC)
Application Fee/Planning Fee	Per Request	\$15.53	\$3,248
Space Preparation Fee	Per Request	NA	ICB
Space Construction			
Wire Cage	Per first 100 sq. Ft.	\$41.99	NA
Gypsum Board Cage	Per first 100 sq. Ft.	\$84.10	NA
Fire Rated Cage	Per first 100 sq. Ft.	\$99.73	NA
Wire Cage	Per add'l 50 sq. Ft.	\$4.14	NA
	Per add'l 50 sq. Ft.	\$9.35	NA
	Per add'l 50 sq. Ft.	\$11.30	NA
Floor Space/Land and Building	Per sq. Ft.	\$4.25	NA
Cable Installation	Per Cable	\$2.77	\$1,056
Cable Rack		\$22.94	NA
Power	Per Amp	\$6.95	NA
Cross Connects			
2-wire	Per 100 Circuits	\$5.24	\$1,157
4-wire	Per 100 Circuits	\$5.24	\$1,157
DS-1/DCS	Per 28 Circuits	\$226.39	\$1,950
DS-1/DSX	Per 28 Circuits	\$11.51	\$1,950
DS-3/DCS	Per Circuit	\$56.97	\$528
DS-3/DSX	Per Circuit	\$10.06	\$528
Optical Circuits	Per Connection	\$6.46	\$2,431
Security Escort			
Regular Time	Per ¼ hour	NA	\$10.89
Overtime	Per ¼ hour	NA	\$13.64
Premium Time	Per ¼ hour	NA	\$16.40
Security Access Cards	Per Request (5 Cards)	NA	\$85.12

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ATTACHMENT A

Exhibit A

Virtual Collocation Rates

Rate Element Description	Unit	Recurring Rate (RC)	Non-Recurring Rate (NRC)
Application Fee/Planning Fee	Initial Request	NA	\$4,122
	Add'l Cable Request	NA	\$1,249
Floor Space/Land and Building	Per Sq. Ft.	\$4.25	NA
Cable Installation	Per Cable	\$12.45	\$965
Cable Rack	Per 1/4 Rack	\$2.24	NA
Power	Per Amp	\$6.95	NA
Cross Connects			
2-Wire	Per 100 Circuits	\$5.02	\$1,157
4-Wire	Per 100 Circuits	\$5.02	\$1,157
DS-1-DCS	Per 28 Circuits	\$226.39	\$1,950
DS-1-DSX	Per 28 Circuits	\$11.51	\$1,950
DS-3-DCS	Per Circuit	\$56.97	\$528
DS-3-DSX	Per Circuit	\$10.06	\$528
Optical Circuits	Per Connection	\$6.71	\$2,431
Virtual to Virtual Connection			
Fiber	Per Cable	\$.19	\$526.17
DS-1/DS-3	Per Cable	\$.17	\$134.46
Equipment Maintenance and Security Escort			
Regular Time	Per 1/4 hour	NA	\$10.89
Overtime	Per 1/4 hour	NA	\$13.64
Premium Time	Per 1/4 hour	NA	\$16.40