

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. for
approval of amendment to resale
agreement with Empire
Communications, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 981843-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-99-0454-FOF-TP
ISSUED: March 4, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO EXISTING
RESALE AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 10, 1998, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BST) and Empire Communications, Inc. (Empire) filed a request for approval of an amendment to the existing resale agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (The Act). The amendment to the existing agreement is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the amendment may be obtained from the official docket file by contacting our Division of Records and Reporting.

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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The existing agreement governs the relationship between the companies regarding the resale of tariffed telecommunication services 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. BST and Empire 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 Empire 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 resale agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Empire Communications, Inc., is incorporated by reference in this Order, and is hereby approved. A copy of the amendment may be obtained as specified in the body of this Order. It is further

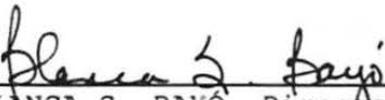
ORDERED that any supplements or modifications to this agreement must be filed with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). It is further

ORDERED that Empire 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 March, 1999.



BLANCA S. BAYO, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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).