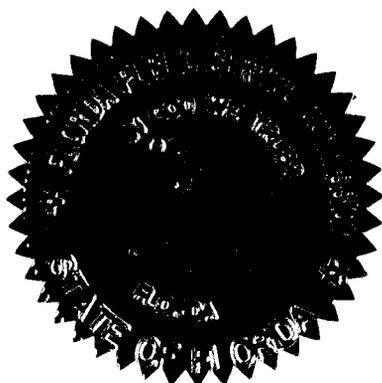


BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of : DOCKET NO. 980918-TC  
: Application for :  
: certificate to provide :  
: pay telephone service :  
: by Florida BillSouth :  
: Telephone Company :  
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PROCEEDINGS: HEARING

BEFORE: CHAIRMAN JOE GARCIA  
COMMISSIONER J. TERRY DEASON  
COMMISSIONER SUSAN F. CLARK  
COMMISSIONER JULIA L. JOHNSON  
COMMISSIONER E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

DATE: March 17, 1999

TIME: Commenced at 9:35 a.m.  
Concluded at 10:45 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 148  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

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**P R O C E E D I N G S****(Hearing convened at 9:35 a.m.)**

**CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** Call this hearing to order. Let's read the Notice. And we're going to listen to testimony anyway. No. What we're going to do is -- we like pain. No. What we're going to do is open this up, read the Notice, and then we're going to take a break. Someone is going to call BillSouth's offices.

There is a big accident. I just remember reading this morning in the -- on 75. Traffic is stopped in both directions. There's a chance that they left and they just weren't able to make it past. It's a little bit north of Gainesville. A tractor-trailer hit the overpass and blocked both lanes and it's been closed since last night. Maybe that's what slowed them down.

So we'll break for 45 minutes, an hour, until we can assert -- figure out where they are and if they're not here, then we'll go from there.

Okay. Why don't you read the Notice.

**MS. WATTS:** By Notice issued February 23, 1999, this time and place has been set for a hearing in docket number 980918-TC, Application for Certificate to Provide Pay Telephone Service by

1 Florida BellSouth Telephone Company. The purpose is  
2 as set forth in the Notice.

3 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** Take appearances.

4 **MR. GOGGIN:** Mr. Chairman, I'm Michael  
5 Goggin. This is Mary Keyer. We represent BellSouth  
6 Telecommunications in this matter.

7 **MS. WATTS:** Clintina Watts on behalf of  
8 Commission Staff.

9 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** And Tommy Williams. We'll  
10 take a break for 45 minutes, you think, or -- let's  
11 take an hour break and we'll be back here in an hour.  
12 Have breakfast or something and hopefully we'll hear  
13 something from the other party. Okay.

14 (Whereupon a recess was taken and reconvened  
15 at 10:40 a.m., appearances as heretofore noted.)

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17 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** Let me put this on the  
18 record. Mr. Pelletier is over 300 miles away. Billy,  
19 could you call upstairs and get Deason and Leon here?  
20 I think we should -- do we need to take a vote on this  
21 or can I grant the continuance as Chairman?

22 **MS. BROWN:** Yes.

23 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** All right. So don't worry  
24 about it. What we're going to do is grant a  
25 continuance and let him participate by video

1 conference. I'm sorry for the expense that this has  
2 caused. If we need to, we'll simply have the hearing  
3 via telephone conference and we'll just do it that way  
4 if that's all right.

5 **MS. BROWN:** Well, I guess we need to give  
6 BellSouth an opportunity to respond.

7 **MR. GOGGIN:** Obviously we're disappointed as  
8 well in the added time and expense. It far outstrips  
9 whatever expense is involved in filing such an  
10 application. So, we regret that everybody is going to  
11 be put to this but I suppose if we can have a  
12 continuance with the option of doing it by telephone,  
13 that may be the best we can hope for under the  
14 circumstances.

15 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** Well, then -- I'm sorry  
16 too. I don't think this is the way we conduct  
17 business and you know that it isn't and it's a bit of  
18 a stretch, but we're going to do it this way and  
19 hopefully -- I don't think we would have been here  
20 more than an hour this morning on taking this in. But  
21 nonetheless, we will just do it by phone and hopefully  
22 it won't take too long for the Staff to get this put  
23 into the record and they can make their  
24 recommendation. Okay?

25 **MS. BROWN:** Yes. And we'll inform the

1 parties when we get another date and perhaps we can  
2 work something out so that everyone can  
3 video-conference and not have to come.

4 **MR. GOGGIN:** May I also request that we  
5 confer on scheduling? We've, you know, had to bring a  
6 witness in here who's, obviously, got a very business  
7 schedule, as do all of you. So if we could agree on a  
8 date that will be preferable.

9 **MS. BROWN:** Sure. Absolutely.

10 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** Okay. So, what do I do?  
11 Close this, Martha?

12 **MS. BROWN:** Yes.

13 **CHAIRMAN GARCIA:** The hearing is continued.

14 (Thereupon, the hearing adjourned at  
15 10:45 a.m.)

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