

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by BellSouth
Telecommunications, Inc. for
approval of interconnection,
unbundling, resale, and
collocation agreement with
Electric Power Board of
Chattanooga.

DOCKET NO. 990682-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-99-1462-FOF-TP
ISSUED: July 27, 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 INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLING, RESALE
AND COLLOCATION AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and Electric
Power Board of Chattanooga (EPB) filed a request for approval of a
interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement,
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
(the Act). The agreement is incorporated by reference herein. A
copy of the agreement 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.

This agreement covers a 2-year period and governs the
relationship between the companies regarding local interconnection
and the exchange of traffic pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251. Under 47
U.S.C. § 252(a)(1), the agreement shall include a detailed schedule

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of itemized charges for interconnection and each service or network element included in the agreement.

Upon review of the proposed agreement, we find that it complies with the Act; 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 EPB must file any supplements or modifications to their agreement with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). We note that EPB 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 interconnection, unbundling, resale, and collocation agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Electric Power Board of Chattanooga is incorporated by reference in this Order, and is hereby approved. A copy of the agreement 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 this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th day of July, 1999.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, 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).