

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

JULY 27, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 981834-TP - Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission action to support local competition in BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s service territory.

DOCKET NO. 960786-TL - Consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s entry into interLATA services pursuant to Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Issue 1: Should the Motion for Independent Third Party Testing of BellSouth's Operational Support Systems (OSS), filed by the Florida Competitive Carriers Association (FCCA) and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T), and the Motion to Expand Scope of Independent Third Party Testing of BellSouth's Operational Support Systems, filed by ACI Corp. (ACI), be granted?

Recommendation: No. The Motion for Independent Third Party Testing of BellSouth's Operational Support Systems filed by the FCCA and AT&T and the Motion to Expand Scope of Independent Third Party Testing of BellSouth's OSS filed by ACI should be denied. Staff recommends that the Commission approve staff's Proposal for Independent Third Party Testing of BellSouth's Operational Support Systems.

The independent nature of the testing entity and the specific, in-depth criteria recommended by staff, will enable the third-party testing to fully address concerns about BellSouth's OSS identified by the Commission in Order No. PSC-97-1459-FOF-TL. Staff recommends, therefore, that the third-

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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party testing be conducted for purposes of both Docket 981834-TP and Docket No. 960786-TL. Thus, if BellSouth's OSS systems pass the third-party testing, then BellSouth should be considered to have remedied the OSS concerns identified by the Commission in Order No. PSC-97-1459-FOF-TL for purposes of the Commission's recommendation to the FCC on any future application by BellSouth for interLATA authority in Florida. Likewise, if only portions of BellSouth's OSS systems pass the third-party testing, then BellSouth should not be required to make any further demonstration to this Commission with regard to those portions.

Staff recommends that all costs for this testing should be borne by BellSouth. However, the selected vendor will report directly to the FPSC Project Manager, and will have no reporting relationship with BellSouth.

**MODIFIED**

*Approved with the modification that  
Staff will proceed with Phase I.*

Issue 2: Should these dockets be closed?

Recommendation: No. Whether or not the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, these Dockets should remain open to address the issues raised in FCCA's Petition for Commission Action to Support Local Competition in BellSouth's Service Territory and BellSouth's compliance with Section 271.

**APPROVED**