

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission action to support local competition in BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s service territory.

DOCKET NO. 981834-TP

In re: Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a Accelerated Connections, Inc. for generic investigation to ensure that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint-Florida, Incorporated, and GTE Florida Incorporated comply with obligation to provide alternative local exchange carriers with flexible, timely, and cost-efficient physical collocation.

DOCKET NO. 990321-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-00-0197-PCO-TP
ISSUED: January 26, 2000

ORDER AUTHORIZING QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE STATUS

On January 5, 2000, Richard D. Melson, Attorney for Rhythms Links, Inc. (Rhythms) filed a written request pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, for Kristin Smith, Attorney, Blumenfeld & Cohen, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036, to appear as Qualified Representative for Rhythms in Dockets Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP. Having reviewed the request, it appears that Kristin Smith has the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent Rhythms's interests in a manner which will not impair the fairness of the proceedings or the correctness of the action to be taken. Having met the requirements of Rule 28-106.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, Kristin Smith is authorized to appear as Qualified Representative on behalf of Rhythms in these dockets.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, that Kristin Smith, Attorney, Blumenfeld & Cohen, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036, is authorized to appear as Qualified Representative on behalf of Rhythms Links, Inc., c/o Richard D. Melson, Attorney, Hopping Green

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Sams & Smith, 123 South Calhoun Street, Post Office Box 6526,
Tallahassee, Florida 32314, in these dockets.

By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason as Prehearing
Officer, this 26th day of January, 2000.



J. TERRY DEASON
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric,

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gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.