

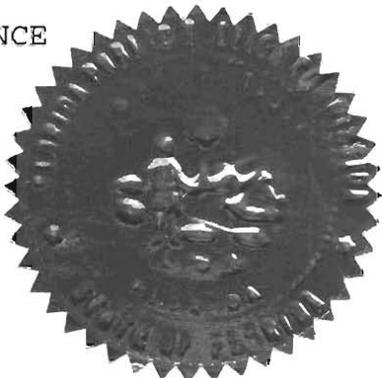
BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of : DOCKET NO. 991378-TL  
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INITIATION OF SHOW CAUSE :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BELL SOUTH :  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR :  
VIOLATION OF SERVICE STANDARDS. :  
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PROCEEDINGS: EMERGENCY SCHEDULING CONFERENCE  
  
BEFORE: COMMISSIONER BRAULIO L. BAEZ  
Prehearing Officer  
  
DATE: Tuesday, September 26, 2000  
  
TIME: Commenced at 12:45 p.m.  
Concluded at 12:50 p.m.  
  
PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 152  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida  
  
REPORTED BY: KORETTA E. STANFORD, RPR  
Official FPSC Reporter



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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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COMMISSIONER BAEZ: Please read the notice.

MS. KEATING: By notice issued September 12th, 2000, this time and place has been set for a status conference in docket 991378. The purpose is as set forth in the notice. I do want to point out, though, this was scheduled for 3:30 or after agenda was concluded, whichever is later, but we'll post a notice on the door, just in case anybody else comes.

COMMISSIONER BAEZ: All right. What are we doing today?

MS. WHITE: Nancy White for BellSouth Telecommunications. And first, let me say, I truly do appreciate moving it up a little earlier so I can get out by 5:00 instead of 10:00 tonight.

And what we're doing today is we have asked for a continuance of the testimony filing dates in this case that was granted by Chairman Deason in order to try to reach a settlement agreement.

Time has gone by and now some of the other dates are starting to come up, so we thought it would be best to go ahead and ask the prehearing officer, you, to set some more dates for testimony and for hearing, because it's obviously not going to go to hearing in November when it was originally scheduled.

1           And, I think, both public counsel and BellSouth  
2 are in agreement that what we'd like to do is have at  
3 least a couple more months of negotiating time, because we  
4 have been meeting -- we are still meeting, are still  
5 talking, and then set the schedule accordingly from there.

6           COMMISSIONER BAEZ: So --

7           MS. WHITE: I'll let Charlie go.

8           MR. BECK: Charlie Beck with the office of  
9 public counsel. Ms. White and I have generally discussed  
10 what we'd like to request, at least, as far as scheduling.  
11 That would give us time to continue negotiating to get the  
12 hearing on track to a conclusion.

13           And correct me as I go through this, but the  
14 general parameters which we thought of proposing is having  
15 our office or intervenors file testimony somewhere in the  
16 beginning to mid December, have a period of about 35 to 40  
17 days before BellSouth files its response, and then another  
18 35 or 40 days before we file a reply to that.

19           We've agreed on a 20-day time response for  
20 discovery request, but the notion is that if somebody gets  
21 their testimony and quickly reviews it and gets some  
22 discovery out, you'd have a chance to review that  
23 discovery before the next round of testimony is due.

24           And with that, I guess, we're thinking hearing  
25 sometime in the period of about April, those general time

1 frames is what we were going to request.

2 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: Have you looked at any dates  
3 in the meantime or --

4 MS. KEATING: I haven't had a chance to check  
5 with the chairman's office, but we were only looking at  
6 one day, I believe. Has that changed? Would one day be  
7 sufficient?

8 MS. WHITE: My client is saying yes.

9 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: Yes, that's enough?

10 MS. WHITE: Yes, that's enough.

11 MS. KEATING: I would think, hopefully, even  
12 though the calendar is pretty full, but we'll certainly  
13 check.

14 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: All right. Then, let's set  
15 the -- we'll start setting dates from 60 days from today  
16 so you'll have that much time to negotiate, and we'll pick  
17 a day for filing 60 days out. Is that all right with  
18 everyone? Okay. Then, let the dates fall as the parties  
19 have discussed as closely as possible. So, we'll have 60  
20 days, then, 40 days for a response and 20 days after that.

21 MS. WHITE: And I'm sorry, could we ask that the  
22 first day not be set until some time in December, like  
23 maybe mid December?

24 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: Well, that's going to not  
25 let us set the successive days, unless I'm wrong in the

1 way that I'm counting.

2 MS. KEATING: No, you're right, actually,  
3 because there would be -- well, Staff has already filed  
4 testimony.

5 MS. WHITE: Right, so we'll be starting with  
6 public counsel's testimony.

7 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: So then, what you're saying,  
8 Ms. White, is to not set the dates until after 60 days  
9 have passed?

10 MS. WHITE: No, I'm sorry, set the first date,  
11 which would be public counsel's testimony for in December.  
12 I'm sorry, I didn't say that very well.

13 MS. KEATING: That would be about 60 days, then.

14 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: That's about 60 days, yeah.  
15 All right. Anything else? All right.

16 MS. KEATING: Thank you.

17 MS. WHITE: Thank you very much.

18 COMMISSIONER BAEZ: Thanks, everyone.

19 (Hearing concluded at 12:55 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF FLORIDA)

2 : CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

3 COUNTY OF LEON )

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I, KORETTA E. STANFORD, RPR, Official FPSC Commission Reporter, do hereby certify that the Emergency Scheduling Conference in Docket No. 991378-TL was heard by Prehearing Officer Braulio L. Baez at the time and place herein stated.

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It is further certified that I stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed under my direct supervision; and that this transcript, consisting of 6 pages, constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

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DATED this 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000

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