

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into appropriate)
methods to compensate carriers for)
exchange of traffic subject to Section 251)
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
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Docket No. 000075-TP

Filed: February 12, 2001

**TCG OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S
OBJECTIONS TO BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
INC.'S FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF
DOCUMENTS AND FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

TCG of South Florida ("TCG"), pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure (PSC-00-2229-PCO-TP), objects to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") First Set of Requests for Production of Documents and First Set of Interrogatories both dated February 2, 2001, and says:

INTRODUCTION

This is a generic docket intended to develop generic policies concerning specific reciprocal compensation issues that have been the subject of prior arbitrations before the Commission. The vast majority of BellSouth's discovery requests inappropriately seek vast amounts of company specific information which are well outside the scope of this generic docket. As stated in the prefiled direct testimony of Dr. Lee Selwyn, the FCC has determined that the applicable reciprocal compensation rates for the exchange of local traffic should be presumptively symmetric and based on the incumbent local exchange company's costs using the "total element long incremental cost" (TELRIC) methodology. Accordingly, the alternative local exchange company specific information requested by BellSouth is outside the scope of discovery under Rules 1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. The Commission has no need for and should not burden TCG with the obligation of researching, developing and securing the vast amount of company specific information requested by BellSouth. The company specific information sought by BellSouth, if properly tailored by

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relevancy and scope, could only be useful to the Commission in resolving a company specific arbitration.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. TCG objects to the Request for Production of Documents and the Interrogatories to the extent that they are intended to apply to matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission. TCG objections to such Request for Production of Documents and Interrogatories as being irrelevant, overbroad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

2. TCG objects to each and every request for production of documents and every interrogatory insofar as the request for production of documents and interrogatories are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and are not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket.

3. TCG objects to every request for production of documents and every interrogatory to the extent that such request for production of document or interrogatory calls for information that is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.

4. TCG objects to each and every request for production of document and every interrogatory insofar as any of them is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.

5. TCG objects to each and every request for production of documents and every interrogatory to the extent that the information requested enjoys statutory "trade secrets" privilege pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes.

6. TCG objects to each and every request for production of documents and interrogatory that would require the disclosure of customer specific information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by Section 364.24, Florida Statutes. Without waiving any general objections or specific objections stated herein, TCG will fully respond to requests for “proprietary confidential business information” as defined by Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes, that are requested in the requests for production of documents and interrogatories that are not subject to Section 364.24, Florida Statutes, in the event TCG’s general objections and/or specific obligations concerning the specific request are denied by the Prehearing Officer or the Commission. TCG will make such information available to BellSouth upon the proper execution of the confidentiality agreement.

7. TCG objects to every request for production of documents and every interrogatory insofar as the request for production of documents and interrogatories are vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise or utilize terms that are subject to multiple interpretations and not properly defined. Any answer provided by TCG in response to these requests for production of documents and interrogatories will be provided subject to, and without wavier, of the foregoing objection.

8. TCG objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Commission or other state commissions.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS

Request for Production of Documents

2. Produce all maps, plats, diagrams, schematics, or any other document reflecting the location of TCG's customers served by each switch TCG has in Florida.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 2 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

4. Please provide any and all written agreements and/or contracts entered between TCG and its ISP customers, as well as an explanation of any oral agreements entered into with such ISP customers.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 4 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

6. Produce all documents that refer, reflect or describe the network architecture used by TCG to deliver traffic to ISPs.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 6 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7. Produce all documents that refer, relate or describe TCG's delivery of traffic to ISPs located outside the rate center in which the call to the ISP originated.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 7 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, is vague, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

8. Produce all documents that refer, relate or describe TCG's collection of reciprocal compensation for its delivery of traffic to ISPs located outside the rate center in which the call to the ISP generated.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 8 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, is vague, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

9. Produce all documents that refer or relate to any projections, estimates, studies, calculation, or budgets developed by or on behalf of TCG that reflect the amount of reciprocal compensation TCG expects to receive from BellSouth in Florida in the years 2001 and 2002.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 9 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

10. Produce all documents that refer or relate to any projections, estimates, cost studies, calculations, or budgets developed by or on behalf of TCG that reflect the volume of calls TCG expects to receive

from BellSouth customers to Internet Service Providers ("ISPs") served by TCG in Florida in the years 2001 and 2002.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 10 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

11. Produce any cost study or other information, data or documentation concerning the actual cost incurred by TCG to transport ISP traffic from the point of interconnection with BellSouth to the ISP customer's location or server being served by an TCG switch.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 11 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

12. For Florida, please produce all documents reflecting, on an annual basis, (a) the total amount billed by TCG for service to each ISP customer from inception of service to present, (b) the amounts of any credits, rebate, or adjustments given to such customer, and (c) the total amount of revenue collected from such customer, from inception of service to present.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 12 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

13. For Florida, please produce all documents reflecting TCG's total dollar investment in the state, including the total dollar investment in switches, outside plant, and support assets.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 13 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, is vague, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

14. For Florida, please produce all documents separately reflecting the total number of (1) ISP customers in Florida; (2) business customers other than ISPs; and (3) residential customers.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 14 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

15. For Florida, please produce all documents reflecting the total number of end users customers that TCG serves using the own network ("on-net" customers) within the state.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 15 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

16. For Florida, please produce all documents reflecting, on an annual basis, the total revenues that TCG expects to earn from its ISP customers for the years 2001 and 2002.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 16 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

17. Produce all documents concerning minutes of use or invoices for minutes of use under any interconnection agreement between

TCG and any other entity, including but not limited to documents that describe or constitute any plan or method for increasing minutes of use.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 17 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, is overly broad and unduly burdensome, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

18. Produce all documents referring, relating or pertaining to the relationship between TCG and any ISP that TCG owns, or with which it has an affiliation or in which it has an interest.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 18 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

19. Produce all documents referring, relating or pertaining to any reciprocal compensation billed by TCG to BellSouth and generated by traffic delivered to an ISP owned by or affiliated with TCG or in which TCG has an interest.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 19 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, overly broad and unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

20. Produce all documents referring, relating or pertaining to the payment to or by TCG or any other ILEC or ALEC of reciprocal compensation for ISP-bound traffic.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 20 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

21. Produce all documents referring or relating to forecasted growth of TCG's local market in Florida over the next 24 months.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 21 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, is overly broad and unduly burdensome, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

22. Produce all documents referring or relating to historical growth of TCG's local market in Florida over the past 24 months.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 22 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, is overly broad and unduly burdensome, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

23. Produce all documents referring, relating or pertaining to any agreements to which TCG is a party that involves the sharing of any reciprocal compensation received by TCG from BellSouth.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Request for Production of Document No. 23 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Interrogatories

4. Identify all documents which refer or relate to any issue raised in Phase I of the Generic ISP Proceeding.

TCG objects to BellSouth Interrogatory No. 4 on the grounds that the phrase "documents which refer or relate to any issue raised in" is vague, overbroad and unduly burdensome.

6. Has TCG requested that any state commission outside of BellSouth's region arbitrate, pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, any of the issues raised in the Generic ISP Proceeding? If the answer to this Interrogatory is in the affirmative, please identify the specific issue on which arbitration was sought; identify the state commission before which TCG sought arbitration, including the case name, docket number, and date the petition was filed; and describe with particularity the state commission's resolution of the issue and identify the state commission Order in which such resolution was made.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Interrogatory No. 6 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, and the requested information is available to BellSouth in publicly filed documents. However, in an effort to fully comply with BellSouth's request, TCG intends to identify any state commission outside of BellSouth's region wherein TCG requested the Commission to arbitrate the issues raised in this generic ISP proceeding.

7. Identify the number of access lines in Florida for which TCG provides local telephone service.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 7 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, and not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

8. Please state the total number of end user customers that TCG serves within the state of Florida, separated into residential and business customers.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 8 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, and not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

9. Please state the total number of end user customers that TCG serves off of its own network ("on-net" customers) within Florida.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 9 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

10. Please state the total number of TCG's on-net customers in Florida that are Internet Service Providers ("ISPs").

TCG objects to Interrogatory No.10 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

11. Please state on a monthly basis the total amount of revenue that TCG expects to earn from providing services within Florida to its end-user customer for the years 2001 and 2002.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 11 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

12. Please state on a monthly basis the total amount of revenue that TCG expects to earn from providing services within Florida to its "on-net" end-user customer for the years 2001 and 2002.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No.12 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

13. For the Florida ISP customers identified in response to Interrogatory No. 9, please state, on an annual basis, (a) the total amount TCG expects to earn for service to those customers for the year 2001 and 2002; (b) the amounts of any credits, rebate, or

adjustments expected to be given to such customers for the years 2001 and 2002; and (c) the total amount of revenue TCG expects to collect from such customers for the years 2001 and 2002.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 13 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

14. Please provide TCG's total dollar investment in Florida, including total dollar investment in switches, outside plant, and support assets.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 14 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

15. Please provide the total number of switches TCG has deployed in Florida.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 15 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

16. Identify any cost study or other data or documents concerning the actual cost to TCG to transport ISP traffic from the point on interconnection with BellSouth to the ISP server being served by a TCG switch.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 16 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

17. Does TCG contend that there is a difference between the place where a call "terminates" for jurisdictional purposes and the place where a call "terminates" for reciprocal compensation purposes? If

the answer to the foregoing is in the affirmative, please: (a) explain in detail the distinction between call termination for jurisdictional and reciprocal compensation purposes; (b) state the date and describe the circumstances when TCG first concluded that there was a distinction between call termination for jurisdictional and reciprocal compensation purposes; (c) state the date and describe the circumstances when TCG first stated publicly that there was distinction between call termination for jurisdictional and reciprocal compensation purposes; (d) identify all documents that refer or relate to or support a distinction between call termination for jurisdictional and reciprocal compensation purposes; (e) identify all internal TCG memoranda or other documents that discuss, relate to or touch upon the issue of whether reciprocal compensation may be owed for calls delivered to ISPs.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 17 on the grounds that the information requested is company specific, overly broad and unduly burdensome, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Nonetheless, TCG will respond to the unnumbered first question and item (a).

18. Has TCG provided telecommunications services to any person with whom TCG has entered into any arrangement or agreement that involves the sharing of reciprocal compensation received by TCG from BellSouth? If the answer to the foregoing is in the affirmative, identify the person, describe the telecommunications services TCG has provided, and identify all documents referring or relating to such telecommunications services.

TCG objects to BellSouth's Interrogatory No. 18 on the grounds that the information requested is proprietary and confidential. Nonetheless, TCG agrees to and intends to make that information available subject to the proper execution by BellSouth of a confidentiality agreement.

22. Fully describe all of TCG's facilities, including switches, within Florida, including the manufacturer and model information.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 22 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of Phase I this generic docket, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

23. Does TCG own or have an interest in an ISP? Is TCG affiliated in any way with an ISP (other than a customer relationship)? If so, explain in full the nature of such interest or affiliation.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 23 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

24. State the actual cost incurred by TCG to transport ISP traffic from the point of interconnection with BellSouth to the ISP server being by a TCG switch.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 24 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

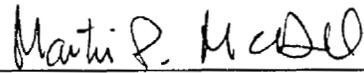
25. State the number of resold lines TCG has in Florida, broken down by residence and business lines, if not provided in response to an earlier interrogatory.

TCG objects to Interrogatory No. 25 on the grounds that the information requested is overly broad and unduly burdensome, company specific, not relevant to the subject matter of this generic docket, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

WHEREFORE, TCG respectfully requests that the Commission sustain each of the objections set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February, 2001.

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