

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.

DOCKET NO. 000075-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-01-0863-PCO-TP
ISSUED: April 5, 2001

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
POST-HEARING BRIEF FILING DATE, IN PART (Phase I)

On January 21, 2000, this docket was established to investigate the appropriate methods to compensate carriers for exchange of traffic subject to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. On November 22, 2000, Order No. PSC-00-2229-PCO-TP, establishing procedure, was issued and the controlling dates set. On December 7, 2000, Order No. PSC-00-2350-PCO-TP, was issued to adopt, incorporate and supplement Order No. PSC-00-2229-PCO-TP. On December 11, 2000, Florida Competitive Carriers Association, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., Intermedia Communications, Inc., WorldCom, Inc., XO Communications, Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Florida, L.P., e.spire Communications, Inc., Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, Allegiance Telecom of Florida, Inc., Global Naps, Inc., US LEC of Florida, Inc., and Cox Florida Telecom, L.P. (collectively "ALECs") filed a Joint Motion to Extend Filing Dates, Bifurcate, and Request for Issue Identification/Status Conference. On December 15, 2000, Verizon Florida, Inc., BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and Sprint-Florida Incorporated filed a joint response to the motion filed by the ALECs.

On December 20, 2000, Order No. PSC-00-2452-PCO-TP, was issued granting the Joint Motion in part and denying in part. Pursuant to that Order, Issues 1-9 were addressed in the March 7-8, 2001, hearing and Issues 10-17 will be addressed in the July 5 and 6, 2001, hearing. Further, the requests to extend filing dates and set up an issue identification/status conference were denied.

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On April 2, 2001, BellSouth filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Post-Hearing Brief for Phase I of the proceeding. In its Motion, BellSouth states that at the time that the date was established to file post-hearing briefs, counsel for BellSouth did not realize that he had a number of conflicts, both personal and professional, during the week leading up to and following April 6, 2001. Further, BellSouth states that it has contacted other parties in the proceeding. None of the other parties have expressed any objection so long as the dates for staff's recommendation and the Commission decision are not impacted.

BellSouth has requested an extension to file briefs until April 20, 2001. Our staff has indicated that they are willing to accommodate the request for an extension to file briefs, however, the time to prepare staff's recommendation after the briefs are filed will be shortened. Noting no objection by the parties, it appears reasonable and appropriate, however, to grant some extension of the brief filing date. Recognizing the impact on the preparation of staff's recommendation, the new filing date for post-hearing briefs will be April 18, 2001.

Based on the foregoing, it is

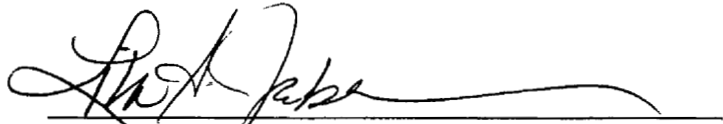
ORDERED by Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Post-Hearing Brief is granted to the extent set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the filing date for post-hearing briefs is be April 18, 2001. It is further

ORDERED that the hearing procedure set forth in Orders Nos. PSC-00-2229-PCO-TP, and modified by Orders Nos. PSC-00-2350-PCO-TP, PSC-00-2452-PCO-TP, and PSC-01-0632-PCO-TP are hereby affirmed in all other respects.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer,
this 5th day of April, 2001.


LILA A. JABER
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, 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

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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.