

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Consideration of
BellSouth Telecommunications,
Inc.'s entry into interLATA
services pursuant to Section 271
of the Federal
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

DOCKET NO. 960786-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-01-1644-PCO-TL
ISSUED: August 13, 2001

ORDER FURTHER UPDATING SCHEDULE

Part II of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), P.L. 104-104, 104th Congress 1996, provides for the development of competitive markets in the telecommunications industry. Part III of the Act establishes special provisions applicable to the Bell Operating Companies (BOCs). In particular, BOCs must apply to the FCC for authority to provide interLATA service within their in-region service areas. The FCC must consult with the Attorney General and the appropriate state commission before making a determination regarding a BOC's entry into the interLATA market. See Subsections 271(d)(2)(A) and (B). With respect to state commissions, the FCC is to consult with them to verify that the BOC has complied with the requirements of Section 271(c) of the Act.

On June 28, 1996, we opened this docket to begin to fulfill our consultative role on the eventual application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for authority to provide in-region interLATA service.

On March 6, 2001, BellSouth filed a Motion to Request Scheduling Conference. Therein, BellSouth indicated that it believed that the schedule to address whether BellSouth has now met the requirements Section 271 should be expedited. Therefore, BellSouth requested a scheduling conference to further discuss the matter. No responses to the motion were filed.

On March 28, 2001, a status conference was conducted with all of the parties. After consideration of the arguments of the parties regarding the scheduling of this proceeding, Order No. PSC-01-0832-PCO-TL, was issued setting forth the procedure and controlling dates for this Docket. Therein, the prehearing conference was set for September 20, 2001. Subsequently, however, the prehearing conference had to be rescheduled for September 17,

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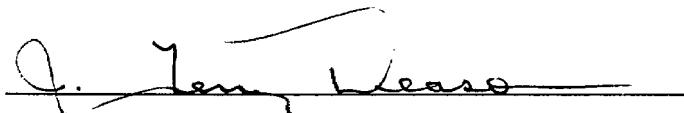
2001, as noted in Order No. PSC-01-1291-PCO-TL, issued June 13, 2001. Since the issuance of that Order, however, Commission calendar changes have necessitated that the prehearing conference again be rescheduled for September 20, 2001.

It is therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, that the prehearing conference date set forth in Order No. PSC-01-1291-PCO-TL is modified as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-01-1291-PCO-TL is affirmed in all other respects.

By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason as Prehearing Officer, this 13th Day of August, 2001.

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J. TERRY DEASON
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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