

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF LEVOYD L. WILLIAMS

ON BEHALF OF

SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

AUGUST 15, 2001

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, YOUR POSITION WITH SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC., AND YOUR BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Levoyd Williams. My business address is 2620 SW 27th Ave., Miami, FL, 33133. I am employed by Supra Telecommunications & Information Systems, Inc. ("Supra") as Vice President of Network Operations. I have held this position since June 2001 and in this capacity I oversee all of Supra's collocation applications and equipment deployment. My duties include, but are not limited to, overseeing central office equipment installation, purchasing network equipment, evaluating equipment, selecting installation vendors, strategic planning, as well as applying for NNX's and SS7 point codes.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?

A. My business career spans over 29 years in the telecommunications industries. My areas of responsibilities have included central office maintenance and installation, project

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management, budget development, strategic planning, procurement and contract negotiation and administration. From approximately 1972 to 1999 I worked for BellSouth as a Central Office Supervisor and Network Manager. As Central Office Supervisor I was mainly responsible for maintenance of switching equipment and circuit provisioning. As Network Manager I was responsible for central office installations, project management and integration testing. I was also employed with Hugh O’Kane Datacom n/k/a Lexent Services, Inc. (“Lexent”) as Branch Manager in charge of Florida Operations from on or around April of 2000 to May of 2001. I received my undergraduate degree from Bethune Cookman College where I attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history in 1972. I received my Masters Degree in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University in or around 1988. My technical training includes 5ESS Switch, DMS100 Switch, Tellabs Titan 500 DACS (Digital Access Cross connect System), DSC DACS, DDM 2000 Multiplexer, Fujitsu OC48 and various project management courses.

Q. DID YOU PROVIDE DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THE INSTANT MATTER?

A. No.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to rebut the Direct Testimony of Jerry Kephart. However my testimony is specifically and solely limited to Mr. Kephart’s statement on page twenty-two regarding issue 35 where he states:

BellSouth requires a seven (7) year criminal background check for all of its employees prior to hiring, and a five (5) year criminal background check for vendors and agents.

Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?

A. No. Mr. Kephart's statement is not a correct statement of BellSouth's procedure regarding access to its Central Offices by outside vendors.

Q. DO YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF BELLSOUTH'S PROCEDURE.? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

A. Yes. I have personal knowledge of BellSouth's procedure. As stated above, I was, until May, 2001, employed as a Branch Manager with Lexent. Lexent is, and was at the time of my employment, a certified installation vendor for BellSouth, which included collocations. As Branch Manager I was solely responsible for hiring and placing employees to work in BellSouth's central offices, which services were primarily performed on behalf of Competing Local Exchange Carriers. During the term of my employment as Branch Manager I hired and placed employees to work in BellSouth central offices located in Jacksonville, Miami and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida as well as Charlotte, North Carolina. As Branch Manager I would have been the individual who would have authorized and/or been advised of a BellSouth need to conduct a criminal background check in connection with any of Lexent's employees. At no time during my employment as Branch Manager was I asked to provide BellSouth with authorization to conduct a criminal background check on any Lexent employee nor was I otherwise required to produce any other means of verifying that a criminal background check had previously been conducted on a particular employee.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT BELLSOUTH HAS CHANGED ITS PROCEDURE SINCE MAY, 2001?

A. No.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. Yes.

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STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

The execution of the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of August, 2001, by Levoyd L. Williams, who is personally known to me or who produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

My Commission Expires:

[Signature]

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