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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Call the prehearing conference 3 to order. Could I have the notice read. please. 4 5 MS. KEATING: By notice issued September 6th, 2001, 6 this time and place have been set for a prehearing conference in Docket 960786-TP. The purpose is as set forth in the 7 8 notice. COMMISSIONER DEASON: Thank you. Take appearances. 9 MS. WHITE: Nancy White for BellSouth 10 11 Telecommunications. 12 MS. MASTERTON: Susan Masterton for Sprint 13 Communications Company, Limited Partnership. 14 MR. LAMOUREUX: Jim Lamoureux for AT&T. MS. McNULTY: Donna McNulty, Rick Melson, and D. 15 O'Roark representing WorldCom, Inc. 16 MR. GROSS: Michael Gross representing the Florida 17 18 Cable Telecommunications Association. MS. KAUFMAN: Vicki Gordon Kaufman of the McWhirter 19 20 Reeves law firm representing KMC Telecom, NewSouth Communications Corp, XO Florida, Inc., NuVox Communications, 21 22 Inc., and Covad Communications Company. 23 MR. McGLOTHLIN: Joe McGlothlin representing the FCCA, Z-Tel Communications, Inc., and Access Integrated 24 25 Networks.

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7	Communications.
8	MR. HOFFMAN: Kenneth Hoffman on behalf of US LEC of
9	Florida, Inc.
10	MR. CAMPEN: This is Henry Campen on the phone with
11	Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein appearing on behalf of US LEC,
12	Inc., Time Warner Telecom, NuVox Communications, and XO
13	Communications.
14	COMMISSIONER DEASON: I'm sorry, could you repeat
15	your name, please?
16	MR. CAMPEN: Henry Campen, C-A-M-P-E-N, Parker, Poe,
17	Adams & Bernstein.
18	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. And is there someone
19	else there with you?
20	MR. CAMPEN: No.
21	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Thank you.
22	MS. KEATING: And Beth Keating appearing for
23	Commission staff, also entering an appearance on behalf of
24	Felicia Banks and Mary Anne Helton.
25	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay.

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Staff, we have preliminary matters?

MS. KEATING: Just a few. Commissioner. The first thing I would like to note is that there is one outstanding motion at this time. On the 18th, AT&T filed a motion requesting an investigation into BellSouth's conduct in processing certain local service requests. The time for filing responses has not yet run. Staff also does not believe that this would have a direct impact on the hearing processes itself, so we would recommend that a ruling be deferred until responses are received.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Mr. Lamoureux.

MR. LAMOUREUX: The motion does deal with activity in the third party testing, which even I would have to agree is in what we are calling the nonhearing track portion of this proceeding at this point, so I have no objection to that recommendation.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well.

MS. KEATING: The only other thing that is really pending right now, there are four confidentiality requests that are pending that pertain to items that will be used at hearing. Staff is prepared to recommend at this time that those requests for confidentiality be granted, but we suggest that those be dealt with by separate order.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. You will give me your recommendation with a suggested order before the hearing,

correct?

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MS. KEATING: Yes. sir.

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MS. KEATING: And the last thing. I don't know if you would like to take this up now or after you have gone through the draft prehearing order, but staff has a suggested way of revising the way the docket is set up to perhaps clarify which filings are going into the hearing track and which filings are going into the OSS testing track.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Let's go ahead and address that and explain your recommended remedy.

MS. KEATING: One of the problems that we have run into lately is that it is not always real clear which filings in the docket, which track they are directed to. And we have worked with Kay Flynn in Records and Reporting to come up with a way to perhaps alleviate some that confusion. And what we have come up with is dividing this docket up into subdockets. There would be 960786A-TL, which would be filings that are intended for the hearing track, and 960786B-TL, which would be the OSS testing tract.

We planned to -- we would like to go back to the first of this year and go through and divide the filings up into these subdockets. We don't really think that it is necessary to go back further than that at this time point in time. But from here on out filings would go into the A

subdocket for the hearing and the B subdocket for the testing. 1 2 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Now, it would not be necessary 3 for the parties actually to go back and designate that, we 4 would do that internally here? 5 MS. KEATING: We would do that internally, yes, sir. 6 COMMISSIONER DEASON: But for future filings, the parties would indicate either with an A or B as to which 7 8 particular section of this docket the filing pertains? 9 MS. KEATING: Yes, sir. COMMISSIONER DEASON: Any questions from the parties, 10 comments, objections? 11 12 MS. WHITE: I think it's a good idea. 13 MS. MASTERTON: I guess I have a question. So as far 14 as like the testimony that was stricken from this track, I 15 mean, how does that fit into what you're talking about going 16 back to January 1st and redesignating? 17 MS. KEATING: Well, testimony that was designed for 18 the hearing would be designated with an A. And things that 19 were designated for the OSS testing track would be designated with a B. I'm not sure I am exactly --20 21 MS. MASTERTON: Because I had understood that we were 22 to refile those comments as comments in the docket as opposed 23 to you just redesignating them as B. I guess that is the 24 auestion.

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: Let me clarify. It is my

understanding you would need to refile that and put a B on it.

MS. MASTERTON: So for the testimony itself you are not going to go back and change the designation of --

MS. KEATING: No. We would not automatically convert anything that had been previously filed for the hearing track to the testing track, yes.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Any other questions? Ms. McNulty.

Ms. McNULTY: Yes. WorldCom thinks that is a good idea, and we appreciate all of your efforts with that. And while we are on this topic here, I'm not sure we really understand how the hearing track and nonhearing tracks come together for the Commission's recommendation to the FCC, and we were wondering whether you could provide us some guidance.

MS. KEATING: Staff has looked into perhaps doing some sort of memorandum on that. But I can give you a brief sketch of what we thought we had tried to be real clear about. We anticipate the Commission going to hearing on the issues that the prehearing officer has identified and that the Commission will address the issues heard at hearing at their agenda conference and that a final order will be issued. There will be a separate recommendation and separate order on OSS testing. Those orders would cross reference each other.

It is our intent that the order coming out of the hearing track would indicate whether BellSouth had passed with

regard to the issues addressed, but would note that a final recommendation to the FCC could not be made pending the outcome of the OSS testing. And we then contemplate perhaps bringing to an Internal Affairs an item that would have a transmittal letter that would ultimately send everything, both orders and perhaps a reference to the performance measures docket up to the FCC, but that it would go as a package. There will be --our idea is that there will be no one order that represents, you know, everything.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Let me ask this question. At the conclusion of both this hearing track phase and the OSS testing, and the Commission -- how will the Commission communicate with the FCC and what will we -- will we send it by a letter, or will we attach orders to the letter, or will we send a copy of the transcript and all of the exhibits to the FCC? How will we actually communicate with the FCC?

MS. KEATING: Our thought is that the Commission would do a letter and attach the orders that are relevant to its recommendation; the order from the hearing, the order from OSS testing, and perhaps also the order from the permanent performance measures docket. And the letter would essentially be a cover letter with its ultimate, you know, sort of a summary of its findings and with those three orders as an attachment.

MS. WHITE: Just as information, when BellSouth files

1	its case at the FCC, it has to file everything on which it
2	relies. And that will include transcripts, orders, exhibits,
3	so we have to do that, not you all.
4	COMMISSIONER DEASON: And you're going to rent a big
5	truck.
6	MS. WHITE: Pretty much, yes. I think we may be
7	buying a copying center as a new business to get it done, but
8	we do have
9	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Is that going to be
10	structurally separated from your other operations?
11	MS. WHITE: We will look into that and get back to
12	you.
13	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Ms. McNulty, did that
14	answer your question?
15	Ms. McNULTY: Yes. Thank you for the clarification.
16	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Well, then if there are
17	no objections to the A and B designations for the various
18	filings within this docket, we will proceed with that and you
19	can communicate to the Clerk's Office that that will be the
20	procedure from here out. And if you don't designate A or B, we
21	will just throw your filing in the trash. I'm kidding. But
22	please try to remember it will facilitate matters.
23	Okay. Does that exhaust your list of preliminary
24	matters?
25	MS. KEATING: Well, there is one other thing that I

1 had thought that Covad was going to bring up with regard to one 2 of its witnesses, but it may be more appropriate for that to 3 come up as we are going through the draft prehearing order when 4 we get to the witness list. 5 6 7 8 testimony? 9 10 when we get to it. 11 12 from the parties? Ms. White. 13 14 acceptable. 15 16 17

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: Ms. Kaufman, if there is we will just take it up at that time. Apparently, staff was under the impression that there may be some withdrawal of some

MS. KAUFMAN: Okay. That's fine, we can take it up

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. Preliminary matters

MS. WHITE: We have some issues, but we will just bring them up as we go through the prehearing order if that is

COMMISSIONER DEASON: That's fine. I will open it up to any of the other parties. If there are preliminary matters which you feel need to be addressed before we proceed through the draft prehearing order, now is your opportunity. Silence. Very well. That's good.

Okay. We have a draft prehearing order which is in front of us.

Persons that are participating via telephone, if you do have a mute on your telephone, please press it. It is causing some disturbance here in the hearing room, and

particularly for the court reporter. Do you hear me okay? Is that possible to do?

MR. CAMPEN: Yes, Commissioner. This is Henry Campen. I have heard you and my mute button is going to be on now.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Thank you.

We are going to proceed through the draft prehearing order. As is customary at least in the prehearing conferences which I conduct, I plan to proceed rather quickly section-by-section. It will be incumbent upon the parties, if you have questions, comments, objections, please let me know. Otherwise I am going to assume that what is contained in the draft prehearing order is sufficient and appropriate.

Therefore, having said that, perhaps we should address the -- this is a first -- the appearances. They are so extensive. Are there any changes or corrections to the appearance list? Very well. Section I, conduct of proceedings. Section II, case background. Section III, procedure for handling confidential information. Section IV, post-hearing procedures.

MS. WHITE: Yes, I do have something on that. The draft prehearing order says that the briefs shall be no more than 40 pages. I really wish that would be the case, but I don't see how it can, so I would ask that that be increased.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Ms. Keating and I are smiling

1 because we had this conversation in my office this morning, and 2 we had promised that neither one of us were going to raise 3 that. MS. WHITE: Well. I hate that it's me. 4 5 COMMISSIONER DEASON: What do you suggest? 6 MS. WHITE: I need to open the door and run when I 7 suggest this; 100 pages, but I will take 80. 8 (Laughter.) 9 COMMISSIONER DEASON: The bidding has been opened. Well, Ms. Keating indicated to me, and I will put her on the 10 11 spot, that 50 was plenty because we have no extensive legal 12 argument, or hopefully we don't have. At least we are not aware at this point of extensive legal argument that is going 13 to be necessitated by this hearing. And that obviously there 14 15 are a lot of substantial factual policy kind of issues which 16 need to be addressed. Can you live with 50? 17 MS. WHITE: Can we bargain? How about 65. 18 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Any objection to 60? 19 MS. KAUFMAN: Commissioner Deason, I was going to ask 20 for 60. so I will take 60. 21 MS. WHITE: Oh, yes, suck up down there. MR. HOFFMAN: US LEC could live with 30. 22 23 MS. WHITE: Oh, Ken. 24 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Maybe we should do a quick

average of all the numbers which we have just heard.

MS. KEATING: 62.5.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Staff, do you have any final thoughts?

MS. KEATING: I mean, we are not averse to having 60 or 65, it's just we didn't -- I didn't really think it was all that necessary. But, you know, it sounds like there is at least some indication that it should be around 60 at least.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: We will set the limit at 60. And just because the limit is 60, you are not obligated to file 60 pages in your brief, but I do think that 60 is sufficient realizing that if you can focus on the major issues that you are most likely to have a greater impact it seems to me.

Ms. McNulty.

Ms. McNULTY: While we are on this section, the draft prehearing order also contains a provision that says that a summary of each position should be no more than 50 words. Some of these issues have subparts, and we are not -- we would actually request that the 50 words be per subpart, although we don't intend to take 50 words per each subpart.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Any objection to that clarification, 50 words per subpart? Realizing that you don't have to write 50 words.

MS. WHITE: And you will use up your 60 pages if you did that.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Show then that we will

make that clarification.

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Ms. McNULTY: Thank you.

3 4 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Anything further on Section IV?

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Very well. Section V. I would note that presently the summaries are to be limited to five minutes. Is that going to

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present a problem for any party?

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MS. WHITE: I hope not.

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Well, of course, it will

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anticipated that you will keep your summaries to no more than

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Section VI. order of witnesses.

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MS. WHITE: Commissioner, on this section we have two

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issues. First, we wanted to know whether the parties wanted to

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do direct and rebuttal at the same time. If so, then BellSouth

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would want to change the order of its witnesses. But I didn't

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agree to do direct and rebuttal together.

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: The question has been asked is there a preference whether we should have direct and rebuttal

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Ms. McNULTY: WorldCom does not object and we would

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MR. LAMOUREUX: AT&T would prefer to do them

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: That is two votes in your

MS. KAUFMAN: We have no objection.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Does anyone have an objection? There is no objection. Ms. White, I assume you do not object?

MS. WHITE: Right. Thank you. No, we don't object. We would prefer it, as well. We think it makes the hearing go a little more efficiently. In that case then, I would want to reorder my witnesses. And I can either tell you after the prehearing or I'm prepared to do it now for the parties to hear.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Why don't you do it verbally now and go slowly, but then please provide it to staff with a listing that they can incorporate into the order.

MS. WHITE: Okay. Ms. Cox, Cynthia Cox would be number one. Number two would be Ms. Caldwell. Number three would be Mr. Pate. Number four would be Mr. Ainsworth. Number five would be Mr. Latham. Number six would be Mr. Williams. Number seven would be Mr. Gray. Number eight would be Mr. Milner. Number nine would be Mr. Scollard. Number ten would be Doctor Taylor. And number eleven would be Mr. Varner.

MR. McGLOTHLIN: Don't we have a limit on the number of witnesses somewhere?

COMMISSIONER DEASON: That may be appropriate. Okay. Are there other changes to the order of witnesses?

MS. KAUFMAN: Commissioner, this is not a change to the order, it's more in the nature of clarification. This has to do with Mr. Fury of NewSouth. I just wanted to be clear that Mr. Fury filed his own testimony, and in addition to that he is adopting the testimony of the other NewSouth witness, Mr. Beasley. And I see there is a footnote there referencing the adoption, but I just wanted to be clear that he also has his own prefiled testimony.

MS. WHITE: Just as a question, is he going -- are you going to put him on just once?

MS. KAUFMAN: Yes.

MS. WHITE: Thank you.

MS. KEATING: I could add an also in front of the footnote on Page 11, if that would help.

MS. KAUFMAN: That would be fine. I guess everybody is on notice now that he essentially has two sets, his own and Mr. Beasley.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. We will clarify that. I guess I have a question for the parties. There are a number of witnesses whose testimony and perhaps some of their exhibits have been stricken, and that is subject to reconsideration. Are we going to have reconsideration filed? And the only reason I'm asking, I'm just trying to plan for how

we should present this for purposes of the prehearing order. 1 2 MR. McGLOTHLIN: ACCESS intends to file 3 reconsideration. 4 MR. LAMOUREUX: AT&T does, as well. 5 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. 6 MS. KAUFMAN: I think that might bring me to Ms. Keating's reference to Covad's testimony. When I gave her that 7 8 look, I wasn't sure what she was referring to, but I believe in the order striking some of the testimony there appears to have 10 been an error made as to Covad's testimony. There was a 11 section that I'm sure was intended to be stricken that was not. 12 And we had discussed with Ms. Keating the fact that we won't put our witness on to address essentially one paragraph of her 13 testimony, and that we would withdraw it. But since Covad also 14 15 intends to file a motion for reconsideration, we will not be 16 withdrawing it at this time. COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. So we will continue 17 18 the designation with the asterisk beside those witnesses for 19 which testimony, partial testimony has been stricken, and we 20 will just leave it at that, and the petitions for 21 reconsideration will be handled in due course. 22 MR. LAMOUREUX: I hate to volunteer this, as well, 23 but one of our witnesses whose testimony was stricken does not 24 have an asterisk next to it on the prehearing order.

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: Such honesty today.

MS. MERRITT: I made him do it.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Good for you.

MR. LAMOUREUX: I think a substantial portion of Ms. Wheeler's testimony was stricken. And along that lines, I think everything but her introduction and her background were stricken. If we are going to strike all the substance of her testimony, I would just request that we strike the whole thing. And along those lines --

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Request granted.

MR. LAMOUREUX: I don't want to have to bring a witness who all the substantive testimony has been stricken.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Fine. But her testimony, though, will be part of your petition for reconsideration. So we will continue to list her with the asterisk. But obviously if all that remains -- depending on how the petition for reconsideration is addressed -- it would only make sense for the testimony -- the remaining testimony to be withdrawn and the witness not to appear.

MR. LAMOUREUX: Thank you.

MS. KAUFMAN: Mr. Deason, that is the case also with a number of the other witnesses. For example, XO's Witness Ms. Campbell for NuVox, so that would be our preference, as well, depending on how the motion for reconsideration goes. If your orders stands, then we assume those witnesses will not appear and their testimony be withdrawn.

1 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. 2 MS. WHITE: Just from a practical standpoint, I would 3 like to ask Beth, we are supposed to, per the order, file the revised testimony I think on the 1st of October, and --4 5 MS. KEATING: The 3rd. 6 MS. WHITE: The 3rd of October? 7 MS. KEATING: It's the 3rd. MS. WHITE: Okay. I'm sorry, the 3rd. 8 9 COMMISSIONER DEASON: You can do yours on the 1st. MS. WHITE: The days are running together. But 10 you're not going to take out -- I guess, the original testimony 11 would still be in the record until the reconsideration is dealt 12 13 with.so --14 MS. KEATING: Well, it would be in the docket. MS. WHITE: -- if by some wild chance the 15 16 reconsideration succeeded, which I'm sure it won't, but if it 17 succeeded, the testimony would just go back go to what had been originally filed? 18 MS. KEATING: If reconsideration was successful. 19 20 there would be no need to file anything different on the 3rd. MS. WHITE: Oh, okay. You're thinking there would be 21 22 a decision by then? 23 MS. KEATING: We anticipate since the last agenda conference is the 2nd, before the hearing, if and when motions 24 25 for reconsideration come in, we anticipate asking permission to

add a late-filed item onto that agenda schedule. We would also 1 2 ask, though, that --3 COMMISSIONER DEASON: You file your petitions as 4 quickly as possible. 5 MR. LAMOUREUX: It will be tomorrow. 6 MS. KEATING: And that responses, if any, be filed as 7 quickly --8 MS. WHITE: If any, we will file them as soon as possible. 9 10 MR. LAMOUREUX: And speaking for AT&T, we would have 11 no objection to having a late-filed addition to the October 2nd 12 agenda conference. I think that is the last one before the 13 hearing starts. 14 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. Okay. Things are 15 going so well. Okay. We can now proceed to Section VII, basic 16 positions. Changes, corrections? 17 MS. KAUFMAN: Commissioner Deason, I have an 18 addition, I guess, and that is after BellSouth's position we 19 have a category there for ALECs, and I thought maybe Ms. 20 Keating could put a footnote there that designates exactly who 21 the companies are that are joining in that position, that it is 22 not every ALEC. Some ALECs have separately stated their positions. 23 24 COMMISSIONER DEASON: I think that is in the text of

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the order somewhere else. Am I mistaken?

1	MS. KEATING: It is in the case background on Page 6.
2	MS. KAUFMAN: Okay. As long as it's in there, I just
3	didn't want there to be any confusion. I apologize.
4	COMMISSIONER DEASON: It is the next to last
5	paragraph
6	MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you, Commissioner.
7	COMMISSIONER DEASON: of Section II, which appears
8	on Page 6.
9	Okay. Any other questions with the case background?
10	I'm sorry, with the basic positions. Section VIII, issues and
11	positions. Beginning with Issue 1.
12	MS. KAUFMAN: I think something has just been left
13	out of the issue for Issue 1.
14	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. What is that?
15	MS. KEATING: I see that.
16	MS. KAUFMAN: The first part of the question. I
17	think it should say has BellSouth met the requirements of
18	section and then continue on.
19	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Yes, that would be helpful.
20	MS. WHITE: I kind of like 271(c)(1)(A).
21	MS. KAUFMAN: Yes, I didn't know what my answer was.
22	COMMISSIONER DEASON: We will make that change.
23	MS. KEATING: Sorry about that.
24	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Issue 2. I'm looking now on
25	Page 20 of the draft prehearing order, and this would be under

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the ALEC's position. D and E, the subparts there, no position, and then we have -- this is just the first time that I see this in this draft prehearing order. As we go through the other issues likewise there are no position taken on some of the issues. I guess I just need clarification from the parties or from Ms. Keating as to what status is given when no position is taken, and it says no position at this time. And is there a difference between no position at this time and no position period.

MS. KEATING: I would say there is a difference between no position at this time and no position. If somebody were to take no position and not to designate anything on that in their prehearing statement, pursuant to the order establishing procedure I would interpret that as having waived their ability to make any argument on that subissue.

But when parties designate no position at this time, I think that that is a little different and should leave it open for them to make argument on that subissue. Granted, I don't think it's the best and preferred thing to put in a prehearing statement, but --

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Well, what obligation are parties under to take a position?

MS. KEATING: Well --

COMMISSIONER DEASON: I mean, conceivably someone could come in and say no position at this time and preserve on

every single issue. And I'm not so sure if that is conducive to what this whole process is about and the purpose of this prehearing conference.

MS. KEATING: Well, it is certainly within your ability to direct the parties today to either present a position on those subissues or to indicate that they have waived their opportunity to argue on those subissues.

MS. KAUFMAN: Might I be heard on that? COMMISSIONER DEASON: Surely.

MS. KAUFMAN: I guess we are the first party on this issue that has taken no position at that time. What our intent was was to have the ability to brief that issue at the conclusion of the hearing. The burden in this case is on BellSouth to ensure that it has met each one of these items. And we were intending to make a distinction, I think, between some parties that said no position, which I would take to mean that they are not going to take a position on the issue at all, and no position at this time, which I believe leaves us the ability to brief the issue at the conclusion of the case based on any evidence that might arise. And we would ask that we be permitted to do that.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: So it is your intent to just maintain your ability to brief an issue, but you are not going to be actively litigating the issue at the hearing. But depending upon the outcome of the hearing or what evidence is

produced, you preserve your right to brief it? Am I 1 2 characterizing that correctly or not? 3 MS. KAUFMAN: Well. somewhat. I don't think we are 4 waiving our right to cross on a particular issue, and that 5 would be included in any evidence that might be elicited during 6 the hearing that we would include in our briefs. Now, it could turn out on some of these issues that when we actually come to 7 8 the post-hearing phase and write our brief we would say no 9 position. But I think we are entitled to maintain that 10 flexibility until we hear what the evidence of record is. 11 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okav. Are parties in agreement with that understanding? I just want to make sure the ground 12 13 rules are clear for everyone. 14 MS. WHITE: I just would ask for a clarification. As 15 Ms. Keating said, some people say no position at this time and 16 some companies say no position. COMMISSIONER DEASON: We have a good example on the 17 18 same page, on Page 20. 19 MS. WHITE: Right. And I have no problem with what Ms. Kaufman has discussed, but like for ACCESS when they say no 20 21 position, is that they are not just going to take a -- they are 22 not taking a position on that issue in this case? 23 MR. McGLOTHLIN: That is correct.

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MS. WHITE: Okay. Other than that, I don't have any. COMMISSIONER DEASON: Just so everyone is clear.

1 Very good. Okay. And under WorldCom on Page 21 for Subparts D 2 and E, when it indicates that it adopts the ALECs' position, 3 that is no position at this time, and so that is what that 4 means, no position at this time, correct? 5 Ms. McNULTY: That is correct. 6 COMMISSIONER DEASON: We just have to sort through 7 this and decipher it. 8 MS. WHITE: It's code. 9 Ms. McNULTY: You cracked the code. 10 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Moving right along. Issue 3. Issue 4. I have a question for Sprint, Ms. 11 12 Masterton. You seem to be very consistent and I applaud you 13 for that, that BellSouth has not met its burden. And I guess 14 my question is there are a number of issues particularly -well, the checklist issues, which BellSouth met those at the 15 16 last 271 proceeding. Is it your position that regardless of 17 whether there was a positive or a determination for those 18 particular checklist items, it is still BellSouth's burden to 19 prove those in this proceeding? 20 MS. MASTERTON: Yes, to the extent that there is any 21 new information or anything that has changed since that last 22 hearing in -- you know, the order came out -- yes, we believe 23 that BellSouth has the burden to demonstrate that they continue

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Ms. White, that is your

to be in compliance with that checklist item.

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understanding, as well?

2 MS. WHITE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: All right. Issue 5. Issue 6. Issue 7. Issue 8.

MS. KAUFMAN: Commissioners, we do have a change on Issue 8 for the ALECs' position where it has A, B, and C. The A, our position is no. And then if you look in subletter B there, the text that follows the word no just needs to be moved up to A. And then our position on B is no, and our position on C is no.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. Any other changes? Issue 9. Ms. Kaufman, let me ask you about your position on Issue 9, and there are some that follow. You use the terminology cast doubt. I guess you're not sure whether they meet it or not but you just doubt it, is that your position?

MS. KAUFMAN: Well, I think our position is they haven't met their burden. And I can change the wording of that if that is not clear. I think these issues -- which I feel compelled in the light of Ms. Merritt's confession -- are these data integrity issues, as we have characterized them, are some of the testimony that is going to be stricken. So that also might change our position on this issue.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Well, you know, me, when I was reading this, and I always read it with the eye of trying to make it as clear as possible for my fellow Commissioners when

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1	they review the prehearing order, if it is your position that
2	they have not met their burden and the answer is no, perhaps it
3	should say no, and then describe the reason you think it is no
4	and the fact that you have issues with the data and the fact
5	that it is, in your opinion, cast doubt. Would that be a
6	clearer statement of your position?
7	MS. KAUFMAN: That's fine, and I don't have any
8	objection to changing our position to no, the lack of integrity
9	of BellSouth's data concerning its performance as to this issue
10	demonstrates that it has failed to comply with this checklist
11	item, if that is a more clear statement of our position.
12	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay.
13	MS. KAUFMAN: And that would be the case for as
14	you said there are several where we have taken the same
15	position.

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COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. We will make that change. And if you could give that to staff in writing so they can make sure they have it accurately. Very well. Issue 10. Issue 11. Issue 12. Issue 13. Issue 14. Issue 15. Issue 16.

Ms. Kaufman, your position on Issue 16, should you just say no position?

MS. KAUFMAN: I think we could say no position at this time.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: No position at this time to

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1 preserve your right? 2 MS. KAUFMAN: Yes. 3 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. Let's make that change. 4 Issue 17. And, Ms. Kaufman, why is your position not 5 applicable, because you think that the purpose of the question 6 just doesn't apply? The issue states if the answers to Issues 7 2 through 15 are yes, and then it goes on to say -- I assume 8 that it is your position that Issues 2 through 15 have not been 9 met, and that's the reason you say not applicable? 10 MR. McGLOTHLIN: Are you referring to ACCESS, 11 Commissioner? 12 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Oh, I'm sorry, yes. Mr. 13 McGlothlin, yes. 14 MR. McGLOTHLIN: You are correct, sir. The intent is 15 to say that because the premise of the question is in error. 16 then it is not applicable. 17 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Can we clarify that? 18 MR. McGLOTHLIN: Certainly. 19 COMMISSIONER DEASON: If you could provide some 20 language to staff that clarifies that. 21 MR. McGLOTHLIN: All right. 22 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Issue 18. Very well. We survived that. We will now proceed to Section IX, the exhibit 23 24 list. As we indicated with the list of witnesses there are a number of exhibits, which depending upon the outcome of the 25

reconsideration, may or may not be stricken. Those I believe have been designated by staff. If there are any changes or corrections that need to be made, we will hear those at this time. Staff, apparently you did a good job. I'm not hearing anything. Okay.

That takes us to Section X, proposed stipulations. No one has a proposed stipulation at this time, I take it?

MR. LAMOUREUX: I was just going to take a step back in the era of new honesty. Again, there are some of our witnesses whose testimony was stricken, but the exhibits aren't indicated that they have been stricken, as well. The example I can see is Ms. Wheeler again. Again, since the text of all her testimony was stricken, I am presuming that would include the exhibits as well that go along with that text. As the Jiminy Cricket in my ear is whispering, that also would include Ms. Seigler.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: We appreciate that.

MR. LAMOUREUX: I have not gone through and done a comprehensive matching up to see which exhibits would go with which stricken testimony. I think my volunteer of honesty only goes so far.

MS. WHITE: Well, I will admit the same thing. I don't believe we have, either. We thought we would do that as part of the October 3rd refiling, you know, and let -- because you would file the revised exhibits or the testimony all over

1	again, so you would have the exhibits that you need and not the
2	ones that have been stricken.
3	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Thank you for that. And, yes,
4	I think assuming the order stands, well, then and the
5	testimony is refiled, then certainly you can make sure that
6	everything is consistent with the intent of the order anyway.
7	Does staff have a problem with that?
8	MS. KEATING: So just to be clear, we should not add
9	those in?
10	COMMISSIONER DEASON: No, no. I think to the extent
11	we know now that there are exhibits which have been stricken or
12	consistent with the intent of the order should be stricken, we
13	should go ahead and designate those if we are aware of them.
14	MS. KEATING: So Witness Seigler, Witness Wheeler
15	MS. KAUFMAN: It would include Witness Davis and
16	Campbell, also.
17	MR. McGLOTHLIN: Beth, I don't believe Mr. Page is
18	listed at all on the exhibit list. Scanning I don't find his
19	name.
20	MS. KEATING: Pate?
21	MR. McGLOTHLIN: Page.
22	MS. KEATING: And that one would also be designated
23	on there but stricken.
24	MR. McGLOTHLIN: To be consistent with the ruling,
25	yes.

MR. LAMOUREUX: If I could ask a logistical question. If the reconsideration motion is not granted, if, and we file testimony, and if there are exhibits that have been left out, but there are other exhibits to the testimony that stay in. would you want us to keep the original numbers for the exhibits as we originally filed them or would you want us to renumber the exhibits? COMMISSIONER DEASON: I think it would be clearer to keep the original numbers. That is my personal preference.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: I think it would be clearer to keep the original numbers. That is my personal preference.

Now, if I hear an objection, I am certainly willing to entertain that. I think it would be clearer if we keep the original numbering system.

MR. LAMOUREUX: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Since there is no stipulation to this docket, we can proceed to Section XI, pending motions. I think we have already addressed this. Section XII, confidentiality matters that are pending. I think we have already addressed this.

MS. KEATING: And if I could just note that that first motion has been addressed.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Yes, that order has been signed. And Section XIII, rulings.

MS. WHITE: Yes, our last issue is on that. It says ten minutes per party. And since there is one of us and 40 million of them, you could spend the whole four days of the

1	hearing doing their opening statements. So I guess what I
2	would like to see is kind of like what happened at the last
3	hearing, which was there was an aggregate amount of time for
4	each side. In other words, we had X amount of time, and all of
5	these people had X amount of time that they could divide up
6	among them. I don't remember how much time that was. I think
7	it was was it 30 minutes? Okay. I don't think we need 30
8	minutes.
9	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. It has been suggested
10	that it not be ten minutes per party, but be a certain amount
11	of time per side. Any response to that suggestion?
12	Ms. McNULTY: Yes, Commissioner Deason. How about
13	something like this, we don't know whether or not all the ALECs
14	side will wish to participate as just one opening statement.
15	What about five minutes per party, and let BellSouth have as
16	much time as it needs?
17	COMMISSIONER DEASON: No, we don't want to do that.
18	MS. WHITE: Now wait a minute.
19	COMMISSIONER DEASON: You just said that 30 minutes
20	was more than enough.
21	MS. WHITE: I'm just teasing. Well, how many parties
22	are there?
23	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Well, Ms. Kaufman has about a
24	half dozen herself.

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MS. WHITE: I know.

1 MS. KAUFMAN: But all their testimony is stricken. 2 MS. WHITE: Five minutes for each nonlawyer, because 3 there are 43 lawyers so that will take forever. 4 MS. KEATING: 17. 5 MS. WHITE: I mean. five minutes times 16 is -- how 6 long is that, an hour and a half. 7 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Let's just do this, perhaps it 8 is simpler. Ms. White, even though you do not need 30 minutes, 9 we will just do it 30 minutes per side, and that should be 10 sufficient time for the parties in opposition to allocate that 11 between themselves. And if it is one person taking 30 minutes, 12 or if it is ten taking three each. I mean, I will leave that up to the parties to work that out between themselves. 13 14 Now, unless I hear a strenuous objection that that is not sufficient. Please voice it now. Your silence is taken 15 16 that that is acceptable. Thirty minutes per side. And, Ms. White, you have already indicated you don't need 30, so don't 17 feel obligated. 18 MS. WHITE: It will not take 30. I can't promise it 19 won't 29 and 30 seconds, but --20 COMMISSIONER DEASON: That concludes the review of 21 22 the draft prehearing order section-by-section. I will open it up to parties to address anything further at this time. 23 24 Mr. Feil.

MR. FEIL: I have one guick matter, Commissioner.

just wanted to request and ask assurance from the parties and from the Commission that to the extent necessary to accommodate the travel schedule of the various witnesses. I don't want to disrupt the orderly pursuit of the hearing and the Commission's calendar and so forth, and I know that there is a schedule for the witnesses and the order of witnesses, I just wanted to make sure that to the extent necessary the parties will agree to accommodate the travel schedules of their witnesses so if we have to shift a few people around from one day to another that that will be acceptable.

MS. WHITE: I don't have a problem with that. The only witness I know that we have to get on the first or second day is Ms. Caldwell. She is the only one of my witnesses that has -- but since she was number two, I didn't bring it up because I figured surely she would get up in the first or second day. But other than that, we would be happy. We know people are coming from all over the country, and with the situation you just never know until you get to the airport what is happening.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: I think historically we have been very accommodating. Parties have been very understanding and I have no reason to believe that that would not take place here, as well. Not only that, but the Commission has tried to be very accommodating. If necessary we have started early or worked late in the evening to make sure that certain witnesses

1 are accommodated so that they can meet their flight schedules 2 and any other contingencies which may arise as we go through 3 4 5 6 7 8

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the hearing process. MR. FEIL: Thank you.

MS. KAUFMAN: Since we are talking about scheduling, Mr. Feil brought up, as I looked at the witnesses, and also since we have that split and we have Thursday and Friday and then the hearing doesn't resume until Wednesday, it seemed to me that probably the ALEC witnesses would not be getting on the stand at least until the second week, because especially now that we have agreed that we are going to combine direct and rebuttal, and Bell has a lot of witnesses, I'm sure most folks, like me, have not prepared cross examination yet.

But at least I was thinking that my witnesses, to the extent there are any left, would probably not have to appear until Wednesday, because they are all coming from -- actually from out of state. not just out of town.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Staff.

MS. KEATING: Well, I guess Ms. Kaufman's guess is as good as mine. She is probably better at estimating how long she and the other ALECs intend to cross-examine the BellSouth witnesses. so --

COMMISSIONER DEASON: Well, just let me --

MS. WHITE: You're betting on whether they will cross eleven witnesses in two days I guess is what it comes down to.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: And I guess you have some control over that, just write more questions. I can't at this point guarantee that we are going to be concluded with a certain phase of the hearing at a certain time and give you, you know, a time certain to produce your witnesses. You are just going to have to use your best judgment and it will be up to Chairman Jacobs, I guess, to make accommodations if and when it's necessary.

MS. KAUFMAN: I understand.

COMMISSIONER DEASON: I can share this with you, there has already been the observation that perhaps this hearing will not take the entire five days. And there have already been numerous inquiries as to who can have what days that are left over. So there is going to be some desire to conclude the hearing, if it can, to not take the entire five days. If we can conclude the hearing and it frees up a day, there are plenty of uses that day can be put to already on the priority list.

Okay. Anything further at this point? Hearing none, thank you all for your participation, and this prehearing conference is adjourned.

(The hearing concluded at 10:30 a.m.)

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