1		BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
2		DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CLAUDE P. MORTON
3		BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
4		DOCKET NO. 001097-TP
5		FEBRUARY 8, 2002
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8	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND
9		POSITION WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
10		(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "BELLSOUTH" OR "THE
11		COMPANY").
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13	A.	My name is Claude P. Morton. I am employed by BellSouth as a
14		Senior Staff Manager in the Interconnection Billing and Collections
15		Department. My business address is 3535 Colonnade Parkway,
16		Birmingham, Alabama 35243.
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18	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.
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20	A.	I currently have responsibilities of supervising the line and staff groups
21		("line" employees interact with customers; "staff" employees support
22		"line" employees) which handle accounts receivable management,
23		including collections and billing disputes, for all of the Company's
24		interconnection business.
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1	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
2		CAREER EXPERIENCE.
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4	A.	I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Brescia University
5		in Owensboro, Kentucky in 1969. I received a Master of Arts degree in
6		English from Western Illinois University in 1970. I received a Master of
7		Business Administration degree from the Amos B. Tuck School at
8		Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in 1987. I began
9		employment at BellSouth in June, 1973, and have held various
10		positions in Consumer Operations, Marketing, and International
11		Operations before assuming my current responsibilities in
12		Interconnection Billing and Collections.
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14	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
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16	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to address BellSouth's position on the
17		billing disputes Supra has raised under the 1997 BellSouth/Supra
18		interconnection and resale agreements. Specifically, I will address the
19		following issues:
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21		The Supra account make-up,
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23		How accounts are established,
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1		<ul> <li>How BellSouth knows under which account to provide</li> </ul>
2		service, and
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4		<ul> <li>Types of services Supra ordered under these accounts.</li> </ul>
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6	Issue	e 1: Should the rates and charges contained (or not contained) in
7		the 1997 AT&T/BellSouth Agreement apply to the BellSouth bills at
8		issue in this Docket?
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10	Q.	HOW MANY ACCOUNTS COMPRISE THE SUPRA ACCOUNT?
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12	A.	Supra currently has six accounts with BellSouth. Three of these are
13		resale accounts that were established in July, 1997. The three other
14		accounts are UNE accounts that were not established until February,
15		2000.
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17	Q.	HOW ARE ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED?
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19	A.	Requests for account establishment come to BellSouth from the
20		customer, usually through the salesperson. In order to establish an
21		account, a customer must provide certain information to BellSouth.
22		The required documentation includes proof of PSC certification, a
23		blanket letter of authorization, operating company number (OCN),
24		CLEC contact number form, contract, Carrier Identification Code, credit
25		rating and an account application. BellSouth does not establish an

account unless there is prior approval from the Credit Group – a function of the Interconnection Finance organization. There is a standard process for handling requests for new accounts.

The account application is completed by the customer, and the customer identifies the states in which he wishes to do business. A separate account must be established for each state and for each type of operation -- reseller or facilities based carrier (UNEs). Copies of the two applications BellSouth received from Supra are attached as Exhibit CPM-1. Each account is identified by a Billing Telephone Number (BTN) assigned by BellSouth.

Q. HOW DOES BELLSOUTH KNOW UNDER WHICH ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE SERVICE?

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The customer provides BellSouth the appropriate account or BTN (either a resale or UNE account) to which to bill the service being added. In most instances, the CLEC has an option to place their own orders into BellSouth's systems through an electronic interface or to submit their request on paper. A copy of the billing portion of an order submitted electronically by Supra is attached as Exhibit CPM-2. As can be seen in this Exhibit, Supra provided the Billing Telephone Number (BTN) to which the service is to be added. The specific BTN in this exhibit is associated with a resale account.

1	Q.	WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES DID SUPRA ORDER UNDER THESE
2		ACCOUNTS?
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4	A.	Under the resale accounts established in July, 1997, Supra solely
5		ordered resale services. These resale services included services such
6		as residential and business lines, Call Waiting, Caller ID, 3-Way
7		Calling, Memory Call® service, Call Block, and Call Forwarding.
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9		Under the three accounts established in February, 2000, Supra began
10		ordering Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) in March, 2000. Supra
11		ordered UNES such as Unbundled Exchange Ports, Unbundled Loop
12		Voice Grade, Memory Call® service, Call Forwarding, Hunting Rollover
13		Service, 3-way calling, Call Waiting, Call Return, Caller ID.
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15		Supra did not order UNEs until March, 2000. Supra has ordered and
16		continues to order resale services under their resale account that was
17		established in July, 1997.
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19	Q.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
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21	A.	Yes.
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## BELLSOUTH MASTER ACCOUNT APPLICATION COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY

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