

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cost recovery and  
allocation issues for number  
pooling trials in Florida.

DOCKET NO. 001503-TP  
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0968-PCO-TP  
ISSUED: July 16, 2002

ORDER GRANTING BELL SOUTH'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE PETITION FOR RECOVERY OF NUMBER POOLING COSTS

On July 3, 2002, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) filed its Motion for Extension of Time to File a petition proposing a cost recovery mechanism along with supporting data. By Order No. PSC-02-0466-PAA-TP, issued April 5, 2002, carriers seeking recovery of thousand-block number pooling costs were required to file a petition along with supporting documentation by July 5, 2002.

In support of its Motion, BellSouth states that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved its National Number Pooling Cost Recovery Tariff which established the number pooling cost that it will be able to recover at the federal level. BellSouth states that since FCC approval of its tariff, it has the ability to identify the costs that could have been attributed to state pooling trials but will now be recovered via the national cost recovery mechanism. Further, BellSouth asserts that the FCC tariff approval has also allowed it to identify those cost associated with state pooling trials that must now be recovered at the state level.

BellSouth states that because the FCC just recently approved its federal tariff, thereby definitively establishing which costs will be recovered at the federal level and which cost will need to be recovered at the state level, it needs an additional thirty (30) days or until August 5, 2002, to finalize its Florida cost study. BellSouth also asserts that no party will be prejudiced by this 30-day extension and notes that Verizon has also requested an extension of time to submit its cost study for a similar reason.

Based on the foregoing, I find it appropriate to grant BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Recovery of Number Pooling Costs. BellSouth has timely filed its request for extension of time in accordance

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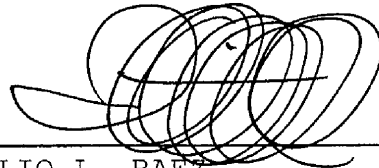
with Rule 28-106.204(5), Florida Administrative Code. No objection to the motion has been filed and the time for filing such has expired. Further, BellSouth has set forth good cause as stated above for its request for extension of time.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time to File Petition for Recovery of Number Pooling Costs is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. shall have an additional thirty (30) days or until August 5, 2002, to submit a petition with a cost recovery mechanism that meets federal and state law and all supporting documents related to their cost analysis with this Commission.

By ORDER of Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, this 16th Day of July, 2002.



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BRAULIO L. BAEZ  
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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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

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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.

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