

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.
(Third Party OSS Testing)

DOCKET NO. 960786B-TL

In re: Petition of Competitive
Carriers for Commission action
to support local competition in
BellSouth Telecommunications,
Inc.'s service territory.

DOCKET NO. 981834-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0975-PCO-TP
ISSUED: July 17, 2002

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

On May 28, 1999, FCCA and AT&T filed a Motion for Independent Third-Party Testing of BellSouth's Operations Support Systems (OSS). BellSouth filed its Response to this Motion by the FCCA and AT&T on June 16, 1999. That same day, FCCA and AT&T filed a Supplement to the Motion for Third-Party Testing. On June 17, 1999, ACI Corp. (ACI) filed a Motion to Expand the Scope of Independent Third-Party Testing. On June 28, 1999, BellSouth responded to the Supplement filed by FCCA and AT&T. On June 29, 1999, BellSouth responded to ACI's Motion to Expand the Scope of Independent Third-Party Testing. By Order No. PSC-99-1568-PAA-TP, issued August 9, 1999, we denied the motion. Upon our own motion, we approved our staff's recommendation to proceed with Phase I of third-party testing of BellSouth's OSS. Phase I of third-party testing required a third party, in this case KPMG Consulting, Inc., to develop a Master Test Plan (MTP) that would identify the specific testing activities necessary to demonstrate nondiscriminatory access and parity of BellSouth's systems and processes.

By Order No. PSC-00-0104-PAA-TP, issued January 11, 2000, we approved the KPMG MTP and initiated Phase II of third-party testing of BellSouth's OSS. By Order No. PSC-01-1887-PHO-TL, issued September 21, 2001, Docket 960786-TL was divided into sub-dockets A and B for processing the issues set for hearing and our Third-Party OSS Test, respectively.

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On October 11, 2001, AT&T, Dieca Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company (Covad), and WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) (collectively "Petitioners") filed a Motion Requesting Workshop. Therein, they requested that an additional workshop be scheduled in the OSS testing track to allow ALECs to present their "real world" experiences to the Commission. At the time, only one workshop was scheduled in this track, and that was to address the KPMG report. On October 17, 2001, BellSouth filed its Response to the Motion Requesting Workshop. By Order No. PSC-01-2287-PCO-TL, issued November 20, 2001, the Motion was granted, and the schedule for the two workshops was established.

Due, however, to delays in the testing schedule, the workshop schedule set forth in Order PSC-01-2287-PCO-TL was revised. While the workshop to receive information regarding commercial experiences was held as scheduled on February 18, 2002, the workshop regarding the draft Final OSS Test Report was moved to July 12, 2002. Post-workshop comments are due on July 22, 2002, in accordance with Order No. PSC-02-0253-PCO-TP, issued February 27, 2002.

We conducted our workshop to address the draft Final OSS Test Report on July 12, 2002, as scheduled. Thereafter, on July 16, 2002, AT&T, MCI WorldCom, MCIMetro Access, and Covad filed a joint Motion For An Extension Of Time In Which To Submit Post-Workshop Comments. Therein, they request an additional two days to submit their post-workshop comments. They emphasize that the workshop transcript will not be ready until July 18 or 19, 2002, and that they would like some extra time to review the transcript for purposes of formulating their comments. They further indicate that they have conferred with BellSouth regarding this request, and that BellSouth has indicated it does not oppose the request, as long as it does not delay our staff's recommendation in this matter.

Upon consideration, the time for filing post-workshop comments shall be extended to July 24, 2002. Because of this shortened time frame, parties shall also serve a copy of the comments on Commission staff by facsimile, hand delivery, or e-mail.

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It is therefore

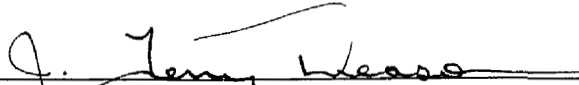
ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for An Extension Of Time In Which To Submit Post-Workshop Comments filed by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, and Covad Communications Company is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the date for filing post-workshop comments on the draft Final OSS Test Report shall be extended to July 24, 2002. It is further

ORDERED that comments shall be served upon Commission staff either by facsimile, hand delivery, or e-mail. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-02-0253-PCO-TL is reaffirmed in all other respects.

By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason as Prehearing Officer, this 17th Day of July, 2002.



J. TERRY DEASON
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.