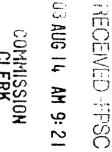


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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32301

> In Re: Docket No. 030300-TP (Petition of Florida Public Telecommunications Association for Expedited Review of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariffs with respect to Rates for Payphone Line Access, Usage, and Features

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen (15) copies of The Florida Public Telecommunications Association's Notice of Filing, which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the Certificate of Service.

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TO: Meredith E. Mays, Regulatory Counsel BellSouth Corporation, Legal Dept.
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Please take notice that the following documents have been filed in the above-styled cause with the Clerk of the Public Service Commission.

1. Letter from Michael K. Kellogg to Mary Beth Richards dated April 10, 1997, regarding request for a limited waiver of the Commission's intrastate tariffing requirements for basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions.

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DOCUMENT AUMPER DATE 07443 AUG 148 FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK 2. Letter from Michael K. Kellogg to Mary Beth Richards dated April 11, 1997, clarifying April 10, 1997 request for a limited waiver of the Commission's intrastate tariffing requirements for basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2003.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the

above-named addressees, this 12th day of August, 2003.

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April 10, 1997

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> In re Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mary Beth:

I am writing on behalf of the RBOC Payphone Coalition to request a limited waiver of the Commission's intrastate tariffing requirements for basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions, as set forth in the Commission's <u>Orders</u> in the abovecaptioned docket. I am also authorized to state that Ameritech joins in this request.

As we discussed yesterday, and as I explained in my Letter of April 3, 1997, none of us understood the payphone orders to require existing, previously-tariffed intrastate payphone services, such as the COCOT line, to meet the Commission's "new services" test. It was our good faith belief that the "new services" test applied only to <u>new</u> services tariffed at the federal level. It was not until the Bureau issued its "Clarification of State Tariffing Requirements" as part of its <u>Order</u> of April 4, 1997, that we learned otherwise.

In most States, ensuring that previously tariffed payphone services meet the "new services" test, although an onerous . process, should not be too problematic. We are gathering the relevant cost information and will be prepared to certify that those tariffs satisfy the costing standards of the "new services" test. In some States, however, there may be a discrepancy between the existing state tariff rate and the "new services" test; as a result, new tariff rates may have to be filed. For example, it appears that, in a few States, the existing state tariff rate for the COCOT line used by independent PSPs may be KELLOGG, HUBER, HANSEN, TODD & EVANS, P.L.L.C.

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too low to meet the "new services" test and will therefore have to be raised.

In order to allow deregulation to move forward and ensure that LEC PSPs are able to compete on a level playing field starting, as planned, on April 15, 1997, we propose that the limited waiver issued by the Commission on April 4 for interstate tariffs apply to intrastate payphone tariffs as well. Specifically, we request that the Commission grant us 45 days from the April 4th <u>Order</u> to file new intrastate tariffs, in those States and for those services where new tariffs are required. Each LEC will undertake to file with the Commission a written <u>ex</u> <u>parte</u> document, by April 15, 1997, attempting to identify those tariff rates that may have to be revised.

Unlike with federal tariffs, there is of course no guarantee that the States will act within 15 days on these new tariff filings, particularly where rates are being increased pursuant to federal guidelines. Provided, however, that we undertake and follow-through on our commitment to ensure that existing tariff rates comply with the "new services" test and, in those States and for those services where the tariff rates do not comply, to file new tariff rates that will comply, we believe that we should be eligible for per call compensation starting on April 15th. Once the new state tariffs go into effect, to the extent that the new tariff rates are lower than the existing ones, we will undertake to reimburse or provide a credit to those purchasing the services back to April 15, 1997. (I should note that the filed-rate doctrine precludes either the state or federal government from ordering such a retroactive rate adjustment. However, we can and do voluntarily undertake to provide one, consistent with state regulatory requirements, in this unique circumstance. Moreover, we will not seek additional reimbursement to the extent that tariff rates are raised as a result of applying the "new services" test.)

The LECs thus ask the Commission to waive the requirement that effective intrastate payphone tariffs meet the "new services test," subject to three conditions: (1) LECs must file a written <u>ex parte</u> with the Commission by April 15, 1997, in which they attempt to identify any potentially non-compliant state tariff rates; (2) where a LEC's state tariff rate does not comply with the "new services" test, the LEC must file a new state tariff rate that does comply within 45 days of the April 4, 1997 <u>Order</u>, and (3) in the event a LEC files a new tariff rate to comply with the "new services" test pursuant to this waiver, and the new tariff rate is lower than the previous tariff rate as a result of applying the "new services" test, the LEC will undertake KELLOGG, HUBER, HANSEN, TODD & EVANS, P.L.L.C.

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(consistent with state regulations) to provide a credit or other compensation to purchasers back to April 15, 1997.

The requested waiver is appropriate both because special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule and because the waiver will serve the public interest. Because the federal "new services" test has not previously been applied to existing state services -- and because the LECs did not understand the Commission to be requiring such an application of the test until the Commission issued its clarification order just a few days ago -- special circumstances exist to grant a limited waiver of brief duration to address this responsibility. In addition, granting the waiver in this limited circumstance will not undermine, and is consistent with, the Commission's overall policies in CC Docket No. 96-128 to reclassify LEC payphone assets and ensure fair PSP compensation for all calls originated from payphones. And competing PSPs will suffer no disadvantage. Indeed, the voluntary reimbursement mechanism discussed above -which ensures that PSPs are compensated if rates go down, but does not require them to pay retroactive additional compensation if rates go up -- will ensure that no purchaser of payphone services is placed at a disadvantage due to the limited waiver.

Accordingly, we request a limited waiver, as outlined above, of the Commission's intrastate tariffing requirements for basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions.

We appreciate your urgent consideration of this matter. Copies of this letter have been served by hand on the APCC, AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

Yours sincerely,

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> In re Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128

Dear Mary Beth:

This letter will clarify the request I made yesterday on behalf of the RBOCs for a limited waiver of the Commission's intrastate tariffing requirements for basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions.

To the best of my knowledge, all the RBOCs have (or will by April 15, 1997, have) effective state tariffs for all the basic payphone lines and unbundled features and functions required by the Commission's order. We are not seeking a waiver of that requirement. We seek a waiver only of the requirement that those intrastate tariffs satisfy the Commission's "new services" test. The waiver will allow LECs 45 days (from the April 4 Order) to gather the relevant cost information and either be prepared to certify that the existing tariffs satisfy the costing standards of the "new services" test or to file new or revised tariffs that do satisfy those standards. Furthermore, as noted, where new or revised tariffs are required and the new tariff rates are lower than the existing ones, we will undertake (consistent with state requirements) to reimburse or provide a credit back to April 15, 1997, to those purchasing the services under the existing tariffs.

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I hope this clarification is helpful. Copies of this letter have been served by hand on the APCC, AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

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