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SEPTEMBER 16, 2003

RE: Docket No. 001503-TP - Cost recovery and allocation issues for number pooling trials in Florida. (Deferred from May 20, 2003 conference; revised recommendation filed.)

ISSUE 1: What is the Florida Public Commission jurisdiction regarding cost recovery of state-mandated pooling trial?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Florida Public Service Commission has authority regarding cost recovery of state-mandated pooling trials granted pursuant to Section 251(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and Sections 364.01, and 364.16(4), Florida Statutes.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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ISSUE 2: Does BellSouth's cost recovery petition for state-mandated number pooling trials comply with the filing requirements established pursuant to FPSC Order No. PSC-02-0466-PAA-TP?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Staff recommends that BellSouth's cost recovery petition for state-mandated number pooling trials complies with the filing requirements established pursuant to FPSC Order No. PSC-02-0466-PAA-TP.

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ISSUE 3: Should BellSouth be allowed to recover its requested carrier-specific costs of \$3,506,844 associated with implementing state-mandated pooling trials?

PRIMARY RECOMMENDATION: No. Staff recommends that BellSouth should be allowed to recover carrier-specific costs of \$2,970,762 associated with implementing state-mandated pooling trials.

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ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Staff recommends that BellSouth should be allowed to recover its requested carrier-specific costs of \$3,506,844 associated with implementing state-mandated pooling trials.

DENIED

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ISSUE 4: If the FPSC approves cost recovery for BellSouth for state-mandated number pooling trials, how should BellSouth recover its carrier-specific costs associated with state-mandated number pooling trials?

RECOMMENDATION: If the FPSC approves cost recovery for BellSouth for state-mandated number pooling trials, staff recommends that BellSouth recover its carrier-specific costs associated with state-mandated number pooling trials through a one-time charge assessed on all of BellSouth's Florida end-user lines in service as of June 30, 2003. Equivalency factors regarding end-user lines should be the same as those used for local number portability cost recovery. BellSouth should submit its final calculation of the end-user line charge to staff at least 30 days prior to putting any assessment on customer bills. Staff should be allowed to approve the calculation of the final assessment administratively; however, any material difference between the estimated one-time charge and the final assessment should be brought before the FPSC for approval.

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ISSUE 5: If the Commission approves cost recovery for state-mandated pooling trials for BellSouth, what type of notice should be given to customers, and what should the charge be called?

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that if the Commission approves cost recovery for state-mandated pooling trials for BellSouth, BellSouth should provide notice to customers using a bill insert at least 30 days prior to the bill containing the charge, and include language as provided in the analysis portion of staff's September 4, 2003 memorandum. Staff also recommends that the end-user charge be stated as "One-Time BellSouth Florida Number Pooling Cost Recovery Charge." The final draft of the bill insert and line item charge should be submitted to staff for approval prior to use. BellSouth should also provide a toll-free telephone number for customers who have questions concerning this charge, and have service representatives available who can respond to questions regarding Florida number pooling.

MODIFIED

The recommendation was approved with the caveat that the company is to work with staff on its bill-insert notice to ensure the notice language is adequate for customer understanding and that the notice will fit on the bill so no additional costs will be incurred, and that "one-time number pooling cost recovery charge" be referred to on the notice as "area code conservation charge"

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ISSUE 6: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this order will become final upon issuance of a consummating order. Staff recommends that this docket should remain open pending review of cost recovery petitions from other carriers.

APPROVED