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February 17, 2004

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> Docket No.: <u>040143-TL</u> Petition for Expedited Review of Growth Code Denial by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for the Sebastian exchange (Main)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Re:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Expedited Review of NXX Code Denial, which we ask that you file in the captioned *new* docket.

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 attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Parties of Record Marshall M. Criser III R. Douglas Lackey



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Petition for Expedited Review of Growth Code Denial by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for the Sebastian exchange (Main)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via

U.S. Mail this 17th day of February, 2004 to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Expedited Review of Growth Code Denial by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for the Sebastian exchange (Main) Docket No.

Filed: February 17, 2003

PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF NXX CODE DENIAL

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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(iv), Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Order FCC 00-104, and Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") Order No. PSC-01-1873-PCO-TL, petitions the Commission to review the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's ("NANPA") denial of BellSouth's request for additional numbering resources in the Sebastian exchange. In support of this petition, BellSouth states:

PARTIES

1. BellSouth is a corporation organized and formed under the laws of the State of Georgia and an incumbent local exchange company ("ILEC") regulated by the Commission and authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications and intraLATA toll telecommunications in the State of Florida.

 NANPA is an independent non-governmental entity, which is responsible for administering and managing the numbering resources in pooling areas. See 47 C.F.R. § 52.13 (d).

JURISDICTION

3. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Industry Numbering Committees (INC) NPA Code Relief Planning & Notification Guidelines Section 2.10 and Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines Section 5.2. The DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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provisions provide that a carrier may challenge NANPA's decision to deny numbering resources to the appropriate regulatory authority.

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

4. On March 31, 2000, the FCC issued Order No. 00-104 ("FCC 00-104" or the "Order") in the Numbering Resource Optimization docket (Docket No. 99-200). The goal of FCC 00-104 was to implement uniform standards governing requests for telephone numbering resources in order to increase efficiency in the use of telephone numbers and to avoid further exhaustion of telephone numbers under the NANP.

5. Among other things, FCC 00-104 adopted a revised standard for assessing a carrier's need for numbering resources by requiring rate center based utilization rates to be reported to North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA"). FCC Order at § 105. The FCC further required that, to qualify for access to new numbering resources, applicants must establish that existing numbering inventory within the applicant's rate center will be exhausted within six months of the application. Prior to the ruling, the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, used by the industry and NANPA to make code assignments, required the applicant's existing number inventory within the applicant's serving switch to exhaust within a specific months-to-exhaust ("MTE") of the code application in order for a code to be assigned or for the carrier to prove that it was unable to meet a specific customer's request with its current inventory of numbers. The FCC stated that the shift to a "rate center" basis for determining the need for new numbering resources was intended to "more accurately reflect how numbering resources are assigned" and to allow "carriers to obtain numbering resources in response to specific customer demands." FCC Order at ¶ 105.

6. On December 29, 2000, the FCC also released FCC 00-429, which reaffirmed FCC 00-104 and also required carriers to also meet a 60 percent initial utilization threshold. FCC 00-429 at \P 26. Based on these two FCC orders, carriers are required to meet a six MTE criteria as well as a utilization threshold on a rate center/exchange basis in order to be granted additional numbering resources. Id. at \P 29.

7. In FCC 00-104, the FCC directed the industry and the Pooling Administrator to comply with the INC Pooling Guidelines. FCC 11-104 ¶183. Pursuant to the INC Guidelines, in order to obtain thousand-block allocations, the carrier must demonstrate that its existing numbering resources for the rate center will exhaust within six (6) months and also have a utilization of 60 percent for the specific rate center. See INC Guidelines Section 4.3(d) and Appendix 3. These requirements are known as the six (6) months-to-exhaust ("MTE") and utilization threshold.

8. Since the beginning of this year, BellSouth has submitted several requests for additional numbering resources to North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA") and NeuStar for assignment of additional numbering resources to meet the demands of its customers in several Florida exchanges, including Daytona Beach, DeLand, Ft. Lauderdale, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Keys, Miami, North Dade, Orlando, Palm Coast, Sebastian, Weekiwachee Springs, and West Palm Beach.

9. BellSouth has completed these applications in accordance with INC guidelines and filled out the necessary Months-to-Exhaust and Utilization Certification Worksheets as required.

10. BellSouth has utilized mechanisms such as number pooling to manage its numbering resources in the most efficient manner. However, as the Commission is well

aware, in some circumstances, BellSouth has been required to petition the Commission for relief.

11. On May 25, 2001, BellSouth petitioned the Commission to develop an expedited process to review NANPA's denial of a request for additional numbering resources to minimize the delay carrier's experience in attempting to challenge a denial by NANPA. As a result of the BellSouth's Petition and the Commission's efforts to make numbering resources available to carriers, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-01-1873-PCO-TL setting forth an expedited code denial process for non-pooling areas. On March 15, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-02-0352-PAA-TL adopting the same expedited code denial process for pooling areas.

12. The Sebastian exchange consists of three (3) central offices and three (3) switching entities that utilize numbering resources: Sebastian Main (SBSTFLMADS0), Fellsmere (SBSTFLFERS0), and Barefoot Bay (MICCFLBBRS0).

13. On February 4, 2004, BellSouth requested additional numbering resources from NANPA for the Sebastian Main (SBSTFLMADS0) switch. <u>See</u> Attachment 1. Specifically, BellSouth requested an NXX from NANPA, since this was a non-pooling area, in order to provide numbers for growth.

14. At the time of the code request, the Sebastian exchange had a MTE of 46.61 and a utilization of 62%, while the MTE for the Sebastian Main switch was -4.98.

15. On February 6, 2004, NANPA denied BellSouth's request for additional numbering resources because BellSouth had not met the rate center based MTE criteria, notwithstanding the fact that BellSouth is below the six (6) MTE in the wire center. See Attachment 2. Pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-01-1973-PCO-TL, attached to

this Petition is the MTE and utilization rate for each switch in the Gainesville exchange and the customer contact information. <u>See</u> Attachment 3.

16. As discussed above, both the FCC Order and the INC guidelines provide that state regulatory authorities have the power and authority to review NANPA's decision to deny a request for numbering resources.

17. Under earlier MTE procedures used by NANPA, waivers or exceptions were granted when customer hardships could be demonstrated or when the service provider's inventory did not have a block of sequential numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific request. Under existing procedures, NeuStar nor NANPA looks at the number of MTE and utilization for the entire rate center without exception. The current process is arbitrary and results in (1) decisions contrary to the public interest and welfare of consumers in the State of Florida; and (2) decisions that do not necessarily promote the efficient use of telephone numbers.

18. BellSouth requests that the Commission's reverse NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from BellSouth on the following grounds:

(a) NANPA's denial of numbering resources to BellSouth interferes with BellSouth's ability to serve its customers within the State of Florida.

(b) The MTE at the rate center level requirement is discriminatory against the incumbent LEC, since the ILEC is typically the only local service provider with multiple switches in a rate center. The ILEC deploys multiple switches in a rate center in order to meet customer demand for telephone service. The new FCC rules for obtaining numbering resources both penalizes and discriminates against the ILECs for deploying multiple switches. BellSouth believes that it is patently unfair to require that the ILEC

only get six (6) MTE in all the switches it has deployed in a rate center, when the ALECs, which have recently entered the local service market, have to meet the MTE requirement in only the single switch that they have deployed to serve their customers in a single rate center or even multiple rate centers.

(c) As a result of NANPA's denial of BellSouth's request for additional numbering resources, BellSouth will be unable to provide telecommunications services to it's customers as required under Florida law.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth requests:

1. The Commission review the decision of NANPA to deny BellSouth's

request for additional numbering resources for the Sebastian exchange; and

2. The Commission direct NANPA to provide the requested numbering

resources for the Sebastian exchange as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February, 2004.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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e) Type of change:

1.5 Type of Request (Initial, growth, etc.) Growth

If an initial code, attach(1) evidence of certification and (2) proof of ability to place code in service within 60 days. If a growth code, attach months to exhaust worksheet.

Pooling Indicator: (YES)¹¹

1.6 NPA Jeopardy Criteria Apply: Yes No X

1.7 Code request for new service (Explain):

1.8 Part 2 is attached Part 2 is not attached X for BIRRDS ^{12,13} Additional Documentation is attached X (Postal Mail) Additional Documentation is not attached Comments:

I hereby certify that the above information requesting an NXX code is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application has been prepared in accordance with Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines posted to the ATIS Web Site (http://www.atis.org/atis/clc/inc/incdocs.htm) as of the date of this application: ¹⁴

Signature of Code Applicant¹⁵

CODE ADMINISTRATOR 02/04/2004 Title Date

¹Identify type and reason for change(s) in Section 1.4(e).

 $^{2}\Lambda$ list of the current Code Administrator(s) who can provide assistance in completing this form is available upon request from NANPA.

³The NXX field is required for any code request in which there is a change or the NXX is being returned.

⁴Operating Company Number (OCN) assignments must uniquely identify the applicant. Relative to CO Code assignments, NECA-assigned Company Codes may be used as OCNs. Companies with no prior CO Code or Company Code assignments may contact NECA (973-884-8355) to be assigned a Company Code(s). Since multiple OCNs and/or Company Codes may be associated with a given company, companies with prior assignment should direct questions regarding appropriate OCN usage to the TelcordiaTM Routing Administration (TRA) on 732-699-6700.

⁵This is an eleven-character descriptor of the switch provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls.

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This is the eleven-character TeleordiaTM COMMON LANGUAGE CLLITM Location Identification of the applicant's switch or POI. (Teleordia and CLLI are trademarks and COMMON LANGUAGE is a registered trademarks of Teleordia Technologies, Inc.)

⁶Rate Center name must be a tariffed Rate Center associated with toll billing.

⁷Applies to any code applicant connecting to the Public Switched Telephone Network via a tandem owned by a different carrier.

⁸ This is an eleven-character descriptor provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This must be the CLLITM Location Identification Code of the switching entity/POI, and is the same on Part 2, Form 1, Page 2 of 2.

⁹Code applicants should request an effective date that is at least 66 calendar days from the submission of this form. It should be noted that interconnection arrangements and facilities need to be in place prior to activation of a code. Such arrangements are outside the scope of these guidelines.

¹⁰Requests for code assignment should not be made more than six months prior to the requested effective date.

¹¹The Pool Administrator will indicate if the NXX being requested will be used for thousands-block number pooling.

¹²Applicant is not required to submit Part 2 of the code request form if it is doing its own TelcordiaTM Business Integrate Routing and Rating Database System (BIRRDS) entries, or if the applicant has arranged for a third party to input the Part 2 forms data on its behalf.

¹³WARNING! It is the code applicant's responsibility to arrange input of Part 2 information into BIRRDS. The 45 calendar day nationwide minimum interval cut-over for BIRRDS will not begin until input into BIRRDS has been completed.

¹⁴An incomplete form may result in delays in processing this request.

¹⁵To establish a signature on file see Section 6.1.1.

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Appendix B

CO CODE ASSIGNMENT

MONTHS TO EXHAUST CERTIFICATION WORKSHEET - TN Level¹ (Worksheet to be used for Request for Additional Codes for Growth)

BELLSOUTH TELECOMM INC DBA Date 02/04/2004 Company Name: SOUTHERN BELL TEL & TEL Rate Center SEBASTIAN 6 NPA(s)-NXXs included in growth calculation²: Signature of Authorized Representative of Code Applicant. Title. Specialist Telephone No : FAX No.: A Telephone Numbers (TNs) Available for Assignment (See Glossary³): 19506 Month #10 #11 #12 #1 #2 #3 #4 #6 #7 #8 #5 Previous 6-month growth B. history⁴ C Forecast - Next months 1-125 D. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months 1-6 Part C above divided by 6): E. Months to Exhaust⁶ = Telephone Numbers(TNs) Available for Assignment(A) 46.609 Average Monthly Forecast(D) F Utilization Level⁷ = **Telephone Numbers (TNs) Assigned** X 100 Total Numbering Resources in Applicant's Inventory

Explanation

¹A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Code Administrator; for audit purposes, it must be in the applicant's files

²Report on all resources for the requested geographic area, including newly acquired codes.

³Definitions of terms may be found in the Glossary section of the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines.

⁴Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month #1, and Month #6 as the current month

⁵Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month #1.

⁶To be assigned an additional CO Code (NXX) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (FCC 00-104, section 52 15 (g) (3) (iii))

'Newly acquired numbers (see glossary) may be excluded from the utilization calculation (FCC 00-104, section 52.15 (g) (3) (ii))

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DR:11 According to the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, Section 4.2.1, code holders requesting growth codes must demonstrate that existing codes within the rate center will exhaust within 6.0 months. DR:23 According to the FCC 2nd Report and Order (FCC 00-429) effective May 8, 2001, in order to receive additional numbering resources, the MTE form you submit must meet the state required utilization level of 70%. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this code request, please refer to the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines for the appeals process.

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Sebastian Utilization Summary Report

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Exchange	Central Office	Wire Center CLLI	Blocks	Avg Growth Per Month	Available TNs	MTE
Sebastian	Main	SBSTFLMADS0	30			
Sebastian	Fellsmere	SBSTFLFERSO	9			
Sebastian	Barefoot Bay	MICCFLBBRS0	20			