

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

NOVEMBER 2, 2004

RE: Docket No. 000733-TL - Investigation to determine whether BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s tariff filing to restructure its late payment charge is in violation of Section 364.051, F.S. (Deferred from June 1, 2004 conference; revised recommendation filed.)

Docket No. 001503-TP - Cost recovery and allocation issues for number pooling trials in Florida.

Issue 1: What is the appropriate disposition of BellSouth's unclaimed refund amounts (\$2,798,916), and outstanding drafts (\$1,761,214) related to Docket No. 000733-TL?

Primary Recommendation: Staff recommends that of the \$4,560,130 in monies to be disbursed, \$2,970,762 be allocated to offset BellSouth's Florida number pooling costs. Staff also recommends that the remaining \$1,589,368 be used to promote Lifeline and Link-Up. Further, staff recommends that the Commission direct BellSouth, OPC, and PSC staff to jointly determine what programs would best promote Lifeline and Link-Up, and after developing a joint plan and timeline for disposition of the monies, bring the plan before the Commission for approval.

**MODIFIED**

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Approved with the modification that the requirement to bring a plan to the Commission for approval be deleted.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Alternative 1 Recommendation: Alternative 1 staff recommends that the Commission approve BellSouth and OPC's Joint Motion, in part, and authorize the use of \$2,798,916 (unclaimed refunds) in the form of a corporate undertaking for the Lifeline and Link-Up programs. Staff also recommends that the Commission direct BellSouth, OPC, and PSC staff to jointly determine what programs would best promote Lifeline and Link-Up, and after developing a joint plan and timeline for disposition of the monies, bring the plan before the Commission for approval. In addition, Alternative 1 staff also recommends that the remaining \$1,761,214 (outstanding drafts) be allocated to offset BellSouth's Florida number pooling costs. The remaining \$1,209,548 in number pooling costs should be collected through a one-time surcharge to BellSouth end-user lines pursuant to the methodology approved in Order No. PSC-04-0882-FOF-TP, issued September 9, 2004, in Docket No. 001503-TP.

**DENIED**

Alternative 2 Recommendation: Alternative 2 staff recommends that all \$4,560,130 of LPC monies be used for Lifeline and Link-Up. Further, staff recommends that the Commission direct BellSouth, OPC, and PSC staff to jointly determine what programs would best promote Lifeline and Link-Up, and after developing a joint plan and timeline for disposition of the monies, bring the plan before the Commission for approval.

**DENIED**

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Issue 2: Should the Commission order BellSouth to file reports detailing its Lifeline and Link-Up promotional efforts?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that BellSouth be ordered to file reports with the Commission detailing its Lifeline and Link-Up promotional efforts. Data regarding the disbursement of funds from the CSF and the balance of the CSF would be filed thirty days after the end of each quarter, beginning with the calendar quarter ending September 30, 2004. Information regarding BellSouth's promotional efforts to expand Lifeline and Link-Up participation along with information regarding the origin of Lifeline/Link-Up applications submitted to BellSouth, would be filed thirty days after each six-month period beginning with the six-month period ending December 31, 2004.

**APPROVED**

Issue 3: Should these dockets be closed?

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Docket No. 000733-TL remain open so that a detailed joint plan specifying how and when any Lifeline and Link-Up monies will be used and disbursed can be developed by OPC, BellSouth and staff, and a recommendation can be brought before the Commission for approval. Staff also recommends that Docket No. 001503-TP be closed.

**APPROVED**

*On the Commission's own motion, the decision was reconsidered, and it was determined that both dockets would be closed.*