

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against American Nortel Communications, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., Interexchange Carrier Selection.

Docket No. 981247-TI

Filed: January 11, 1999

AMERICAN NORTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FURTHER RESPOND TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

American Nortel Communications, Inc. ("Nortel"), by its undersigned counsel, moves for an extension of 21 days' time in which to submit a further response to the Order to Show Cause in this matter, to and including February 1, 1999. As grounds for this motion, Nortel states as follows:

1. The Order to Show Cause, Order No. PSC-98-1555-SC-TI, was issued on November 23,1998, became final on December 14, 1998, and was served by mail on Nortel. Consequently, the time in which Nortel may respond to the Order to Show Cause extends to January 11, 1999.

2. Nortel submitted an initial response to the Order to Show Cause by a letter dated December 9, 1998 and addressed to the Director of the Division of Records and Reporting. Nortel's initial response reflects that it has issued credits to the accounts of the sixteen customers whose complaints were closed by the Division of Consumer Affairs as unauthorized carrier change infractions, as referenced in the Order to Show Cause, and that it has placed a block on the phone numbers of those customers in order to prevent further billing or monthly fees.

3. Nortel's initial response states that it is conducting an investigation into archived records concerning letters of agency and/or transcripts for the customers in question, and that it will

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE DO384 JAN118 FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING supply records to the Commission when such records became available.

4. Nortel's response further states that it is most interested in resolving the matter with the Commission, and that it has ceased marketing activities in Florida until the matter is resolved.

5. The law firm of Rutledge, Ecenia, Underwood, Purnell & Hoffman, P.A., was retained as counsel for Nortel on January 8, 1999. Nortel and its counsel request an extension of twenty-one (21) days time, to and including February 1, 1999, in which to continue Nortel's further investigation into this matter and to submit a further response to the Commission's Order to Show Cause, based upon the results of that investigation and in order to consider settlement of this docket.

WHEREFORE, Nortel requests that the Commission grant this motion for extension of time, permitting Nortel to submit a further response to the Commission's Order to Show Cause by February 1, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by hand delivery this 11th day of January, 1999 to the following:

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