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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s RESPONSE TO SPRINT'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND FOR CLARIFICATION

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereby responds to Sprint 's Motion for Reconsideration and for Clarification of Order No. PSC-00-0941-FOF-TP ("Motion") filed May 26, 2000. With the exception of the Commission's ruling on the "first-come, first-served" rule, Sprint's motion for reconsideration should be denied.

In its Motion, Sprint tacitly admits that the standard for reconsideration, that the Commission committed an error of law, or overlooked or failed to consider evidence, likely has not been met with respect to the issues raised by Sprint. Indeed, Sprint suggests that the Commission should "be flexible" in applying the standard because of the "long-term effects" of the Commission's order in these dockets. Order No. PSC-00-0941-FOF-TP (the "Order"). BellSouth contends that, for all but one of the issues raised in its Motion, Sprint has failed to demonstrate that reconsideration is warranted.

A. SECTION XVIII PARTIAL COLLOCATION SPACE

Sprint takes issue with the Commission's determination on page 94 of the Order that ALECs are entitled to demand a central office tour only when they are denied collocation space. Motion at 3-5. Sprint contends that ALECs also should be entitled to demand tours when they receive space, but not as much as they want. *Id*.

In support of this portion of its Motion, Sprint claims that the Commission overlooked certain ALEC testimony and did not interpret the FCC's Advanced Services Order correctly. The testimony, in which ALEC witnesses speculated that not requiring tours on demand, in cases where ALECs were offered collocation, but not as much space as they wanted, would create bad incentives. Yet, in its Order, the Commission specifically weighed the testimony of the witnesses identified by Sprint as having been overlooked against the testimony of ILEC witnesses and others. Moreover, the Commission conformed its Order to the plain language of the Advanced Services Order. Order at 88-94. In short, Sprint has failed to identify any relevant evidence the Commission has overlooked or ignored with respect to this issue, nor has it demonstrated that the Commission's reading of the FCC's Advanced Services Order on this subject is erroneous. Accordingly, Sprint's request for reconsideration with regard to this portion of the Commission's Order should be denied.

B. SECTION II, ILEC RESPONSE TO COLLOCATION APPLICATION.

Sprint also seeks reconsideration of the Commission's order with respect to the portion of the Order regarding the response period for collocation applications. In particular, Sprint believes that the Commission failed to take into account that an ALEC might apply for collocation in remote sites as well as central offices when it ruled that the ILEC should have additional time to reply if the ALEC submits 10 or more applications within a 10 day period. Motion at 5-6; Order at 2-15.

Sprint does not, however, specifically identify any testimony that it contends the Commission ignored or overlooked. Instead, Sprint merely claims that allowing ILECs additional time to respond when they are deluged with multiple, simultaneous collocation applications from the same ALEC would delay the deployment of advanced services. Motion at 6. In fact, one of the primary reasons Sprint gives for opposing the portion of the Order permitting additional time to respond to multiple, simultaneous applications is that "multiple requests from a single ALEC to collocate at multiple remote sites are common within the 10-day time frame defined in the Commission's Order." *Id.* This is precisely why this portion of the Commission's Order is justified.

Sprint has failed to demonstrate any relevant evidence that was overlooked or any error of law with respect to this portion of the Commission's Order. Accordingly, Sprint's Motion with respect to this issue, should be denied.

C. SECTION XXI FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

In addition, Sprint seeks reconsideration of the Commission's holding that, in situations where collocation is denied due to the lack of available space, the ALEC should be placed on the waiting list in the order determined by the denial date, rather than the application date. Motion at 7-8. For the reasons stated in BellSouth's motion for reconsideration of the Order, BellSouth agrees that the Commission should reconsider this portion of its Order as inconsistent with the FCC's rule. See, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification at 12-13 (Filed May 26, 2000).

D. SECTION XII EQUIPMENT

Sprint requests clarification of the portion of the Commission's Order which states that "[the Commission] shall require ILECs to allow the types of equipment in a physical collocation arrangement that are consistent with FCC rules and orders." Motion at 9-10; Order at 65. Instead of this language, Sprint would like the Commission to eliminate the reference to FCC rules and, instead, draw up a list of equipment that ILECs would be required to allow, notwithstanding any FCC requirement to the contrary. Motion at 10.

The Commission has previously held in this docket that a party may not properly file a motion for "clarification" of a Commission order. Order No. PSC-

¹ Sprint also asks for clarification of the portion of the Commission's order regarding demarcation points. Order at 51; Motion at 9. Sprint asks that the Commission clarify that POT bays are permissible demarcation points. Motion at 9. BellSouth does not believe that Sprint's has demonstrated that reconsideration of this portion of the Commission's Order would be justified. Nevertheless, the Commission's Order clearly allows ALECs and ILECs to agree to demarc at points other than the default demarcation point specified in the Order, including POT bays and network access points. Order at 51. Accordingly, BellSouth does not believe a direct response to this portion of Sprint's Motion is required.

99-2393-FOF-TP (Dec. 7, 1999). Accordingly, this request must be considered a request to reconsider this portion of the Order. In any event, what Sprint has requested is not a "clarification," but a reversal. The Commission specifically considered the approach Sprint now suggests, and expressly rejected it: "it would not be possible, or desirable, to draw up an exhaustive list of equipment that could be collocated." Order at 64. Now Sprint requests a "clarification" that would require the Commission to adopt the very approach it squarely rejected.

Sprint does not attempt to suggest that the Commission overlooked or ignored and relevant evidence, or erroneously interpreted some applicable law. Not surprisingly, Sprint also does not suggest that reconsideration of this portion of the Commission's order would be warranted. Sprint merely suggests that the Commission change its mind. Sprint has clearly failed to demonstrate that reconsideration of this portion of the Commission's Order is justified.

E. SECTION XIII PRICE QUOTES.

Sprint also takes issue with the portion of the Commission's Order requiring ILECs to provide a price quote with sufficient detail for an ALEC to submit a firm order. Motion at 10-11; Order at 67-68. Sprint contends that the Commission should mandate that the price quote provided be only an estimate, and that the ILEC should be required to perform a "true up" to reflect the actual costs when the collocation space is completed. Motion at 11. Again, Sprint can find no basis in the record for suggesting that this portion of the Commission's Order must be reconsidered, so Sprint suggests that the Commission amend its Order to include such mandates by way of "clarification."

The Commission observed that there are valid arguments that would support the development of a standard pricing system, where firm, final prices could be given at the outset, rendering a true-up unnecessary, but declined to determine "whether or not a specific platform or process is appropriate at this time." Order at 68. Sprint would have the Commission reverse this considered decision to eliminate the possibility of such a pricing system at the outset. Sprint, again, cites no evidence that was overlooked or ignored, nor does it argue that the Commission committed any error of law. Accordingly, Sprint's request for reconsideration of this portion of the Commission's order is unjustified.

For the reasons stated above, Sprint's Motion should be partially granted and partially denied. The Commission should grant reconsideration with respect to the "first-come, first-served" rule. All other portions of the Sprint's Motion should be denied. In addition, because Sprint has failed to demonstrate that reconsideration would be warranted, its separate request for oral argument on its Motion also should be denied.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of June, 2000.

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