

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition by AT&T Communications)
of the Southern States, Inc.)
for arbitration of certain terms)
and conditions of a proposed)
agreement with BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc.)
concerning interconnection)
and resale under the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

DOCKET NO. ~~960833-TP~~

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INTERMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS INC.'S
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Intermedia Communications Inc. (Intermedia), pursuant to Commission Rule 25-22.058, hereby files this its request for oral argument on Intermedia's Motion for Reconsideration. As grounds for this request, Intermedia states as follows.

1. Intermedia has filed contemporaneously with this request a motion for reconsideration of Order No. PSC-98-0008-PCO-TP, issued January 2, 1998, which denied Intermedia's petition for intervention in Docket No. 960833-TP. Under Commission Rule 25-22.058, oral argument is appropriate where it will aid the Commission in comprehending and evaluating the issue before it. Oral argument on Intermedia's motion for reconsideration will serve this purpose.

2. The primary basis of Intermedia's motion for reconsideration is that the Commission overlooked or failed to consider the full impact of the unique and complex procedural structure the Commission has chosen to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Specifically, the Commission has decided to prohibit from the arbitration process those entities who were not directly involved in the negotiations with BellSouth

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Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth). In Docket No. 960786-TL, however, the Commission specifically stated that it approves the use of arbitrated rates to establish that BellSouth has met the 252(d) pricing standards for purposes of compliance with Section 271 of the Act and for approval of BellSouth's SGAT when it is filed. (Order No. PSC-97-1459-FOF-TL, issued November 19, 1997 at 45, 75, 190) Intermedia's position is unique. It is precluded from participated in the underlying proceeding where rates will be established and used to determine interests that will have a direct, substantial interest on Intermedia in another proceeding. Oral argument would thus assist the Prehearing Officer in understanding and evaluating the issue before it.

FOR THE REASONS GIVEN ABOVE, that oral argument would aid the Prehearing Officer in comprehending and evaluating Intermedia's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-98-0008-PCO-TP, issued January 2, 1998. Intermedia therefor urges the Commission to grant oral argument on this matter.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of January, 1998.



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