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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TESTIMONY OF DAVID P. SCOLLARD
BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 990750-TP
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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND POSITION WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A. I am David P. Scollard, Room 26D3, 600 N. 19th St., Birmingham, AL 35203. My current position is Manager, Wholesale Billing at BellSouth Billing, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. In that role, I am responsible for overseeing the implementation of various changes to BellSouth's Customer Records Information System ("CRIS") and Carrier Access Billing System ("CABS").

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

A. I graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics in 1983. I began my career at BellSouth as a Systems Analyst within the Information Technology Department with responsibility for developing applications supporting the Finance organization. I have served in a number of billing system design and

1 billing operations roles within the billing organization. Since I assumed
2 my present responsibilities, I have overseen the progress of a number
3 of billing system revision projects such as the implementation of the
4 1997 Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") access reform
5 provisions, billing of unbundled network elements ("UNE's"), as well as
6 the development of billing solutions in support of new products offered
7 to end user customers. I am familiar with the billing services provided
8 by BellSouth Telecommunications to local competitors, interexchange
9 carriers and retail end user customers.

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11 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY BEING FILED
12 TODAY?

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14 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address issue 44 raised by
15 ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. (ITC^DeltaCom) in this
16 proceeding.

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18 ***Issue 44: [ITC^DeltaCom No. 7(b)(ii)] What procedures should***
19 ***ITC^DeltaCom and BellSouth adopt for meet-point billing?***

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21 Q. WHAT IS BELLSOUTH'S UNDERSTANDING OF THIS ISSUE?

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23 A. BellSouth believes the issues associated with Meet Point Billing
24 ("MPB") are those specific details that are either not covered by the
25 broad industry guidelines found in the Ordering and Billing Forum

1 ("OBF") Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing ("MECAB") or
2 Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering Document ("MECOD") documents
3 or are new conditions which exist due to the introduction of local
4 competition where industry standards are still under development. In
5 these situations, it may be necessary for the Parties to reach mutually
6 agreeable interim arrangements until industry guidelines are
7 completed.

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9 Q. WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUE IS NOT RESOLVED UNDER THE OVERALL
10 TOPIC OF MEET POINT BILLING IN THIS DOCKET?

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12 A. The only remaining issue on meet point billing involves the
13 responsibilities of the parties to notify other interconnecting companies
14 of the meet point billing arrangements made between BellSouth and
15 ITC^DeltaCom. These arrangements impact the rate elements charged
16 by both BellSouth and ITC^DeltaCom to these other interconnecting
17 companies and, therefore, these companies must be provided
18 information pertaining to the arrangements. Over the years, the
19 industry has used the infrastructure surrounding the National Exchange
20 Carrier Association ("NECA") FCC Tariff No. 4 to provide the needed
21 information. As such, the MECAB and MECOD methods are based on
22 the capabilities of this infrastructure. BellSouth's position is that these
23 time tested methods efficiently handle the information needs of all
24 impacted companies. ITC^DeltaCom, however, in Paragraphs 9.9 and
25 9.10 of Attachment 3 of the proposed agreement proposes that the

1 parties will notify other entities of MPB arrangements by the use of
2 other tariff methods since it is not willing to become a member of
3 NECA. BellSouth's position is that this would result in an administrative
4 nightmare for all to develop and administer parallel infrastructures to
5 communicate MPB data.

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7 As an alternative, BellSouth has proposed that default MPB
8 parameters be used in lieu of the NECA processes. Under this
9 proposal all meet point arrangements will be billed based on a multi-
10 tariff, multi-bill method with the border interconnection percentage
11 ("BIP") fixed at 95% BellSouth and 5% ITC^DeltaCom. In this way, all
12 impacted companies will have a reasonable opportunity to have the
13 information necessary to validate the bills received from both BellSouth
14 and ITC^DeltaCom. This interim method would be discontinued once
15 ITC^DeltaCom begins to use the NECA infrastructure or when the
16 industry develops an alternative solution.

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18 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

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20 A. Yes.

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