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8 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION AND BUSINESS**
9 **ADDRESS.**

10 A. My name is Michael J. Majoros, Jr. I am Vice President of the
11 economic consulting firm of Snavelly King Majoros O'Connor & Lee,
12 Inc. ("Snavelly King"). My business address is 1220 L Street, N.W.,
13 Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE SNAVELLY KING.**

16 A. Snavelly King was originally founded in 1970 to conduct research
17 on a consulting basis into the rates, revenues, costs and economic
18 performance of regulated firms and industries. The firm has a
19 professional staff of 12 economists, accountants, engineers and
20 cost analysts. Most of the firm's work involves the development,
21 preparation and presentation of expert witness testimony before
22 federal and state regulatory agencies. Over the course of the firm's
23 30-year history, its members have participated in over 500

1 proceedings before almost all of the state commissions and Federal
2 commissions that regulate the telecommunications, public utility
3 and transportation industries.

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5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK YOU HAVE**
6 **PERFORMED WHILE AT SNAVELY KING.**

7 A. I have provided consultation specializing in accounting, financial
8 and management issues. I have testified in over 80 regulatory
9 proceedings. A significant number of these appearances have
10 been related to the subject of telecommunications and public utility
11 depreciation. Exhibit MJM-1 to this testimony summarizes my
12 appearances relating to depreciation. I have also negotiated and/or
13 represented various user groups in fifteen of the Federal
14 Communications Commission's ("FCC's") three-way triennial
15 depreciation represcription conferences. Page 1 of MJM-2
16 identifies those conferences. I have also participated in several
17 regulatory proceedings in which depreciation was an issue that was
18 ultimately settled. Page 2 of MJM-2 summarizes those
19 proceedings.

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1 **Q. WHAT WAS YOUR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO JOINING**
2 **SNAVELY KING?**

3 A. I joined Snavely King in 1981 and have been with the firm since
4 that time. My prior employment and educational background is
5 summarized in Exhibit MJM-3 to this testimony.

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7 **Q. FOR WHOM ARE YOU APPEARING IN THIS PROCEEDING**

8 A. I am appearing on behalf of MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCI WorldCom")
9 and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T").

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11 **Q. WAS THIS TESTIMONY PREPARED BY YOU OR UNDER YOUR**
12 **DIRECT SUPERVISION?**

13 A. Yes, it was. I should note, however, that this testimony and its
14 analytical framework draws heavily upon work performed by myself
15 and others at Snavely King on behalf of AT&T, MCI WorldCom, and
16 AT&T Canada LDS for use in other proceedings.

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18 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

19 A. AT&T and MCI WorldCom have asked me to identify the
20 appropriate plant lives to be used in Total Element Long-Run
21 Incremental Cost ("TELRIC") and Unbundled Network Element
22 ("UNE") cost studies for BellSouth and GTE. Specifically, I am to
23 provide plant lives in conformance with the FCC's requirements.¹

1 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.**

2 A. For BellSouth I recommend, with the exception of the fiber cable
3 accounts, the projection lives underlying the current unbundled
4 network element ("UNE") rates. My recommended lives are, with
5 minor exceptions, consistent with the lives set forth in the FCC's
6 1995 prescription of BellSouth's depreciation rates as well as the
7 Florida Public Service Commission's ("FPSC") decision in Docket
8 Nos. 960757-TP, 960833-TP, and 960846-TP.² I have no
9 objections to BellSouth's proposed future net salvage ratios. For
10 GTE, I recommend both the projection lives and future net salvage
11 ratios set forth in the FCC's 1995 prescription of GTE's depreciation
12 rates.³

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14 **Q. DOES THE FCC SPECIFY THE PLANT LIVES TO BE USED IN
15 THE PRICING OF UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS?**

16 A. Yes, indirectly. The FCC rules require that only forward-looking
17 costs be used in the setting of interconnection prices.⁴ Forward-
18 looking costs require the use of economic depreciation rates.⁵ To
19 comply with this requirement, the plant lives used in the calculation
20 of costs must be based upon the expected economic lives of newly
21 placed plant⁶. In depreciation proceedings, such plant lives are
22 termed "projection lives," to differentiate them from "remaining lives"
23 and "average service lives" which reflect past plant placements.

1 **Q. HAS THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
2 **IDENTIFIED THE PROJECTION LIVES IT CONSIDERS**
3 **APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN UNE CALCULATIONS?**

4 A. Yes, the FPSC identified the lives it considers to be appropriate for
5 BellSouth UNE calculations. Those lives are shown on Table III of
6 the FPSC's April 29, 1998 Order No. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP. With
7 the exception of the FPSC's 20-year projection life for the Aerial,
8 Underground and Buried fiber cable accounts and a few other
9 minor exceptions, the FPSC's projection lives are equivalent to the
10 FCC's prescribed lives. I am therefore recommending the FPSC's
11 projection lives except for the cited fiber accounts where I continue
12 to recommend the FCC's 25 year lives.

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14 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE DEPRECIATION ASPECTS OF**
15 **THE FPSC'S DECISION IN DOCKET NOS. 960757-TP/960833-**
16 **TP/960846-TP?**

17 A. Yes, I testified on the subject of BellSouth's depreciation
18 parameters in that proceeding. The FPSC adopted several of my
19 recommendations and certain of BellSouth's proposals. The
20 primary differences between the FCC's prescribed projection lives
21 for BellSouth are in the four accounts listed below:

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	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FCC</u>	<u>FPSC</u>
1			
2	Buildings	48	45
3	Aerial-Fiber	25	20
4	Underground-Fiber	25	20
5	Buried-Fiber	25	20

6 I have no objection to the FPSC's 45-year projection-life for
7 Buildings. I am, however, recommending the FCC's 25-year
8 projection lives for the fiber accounts listed above. Review of the
9 Commission's Order indicates that its decision was based on BST's
10 "projection lives of 20 years from its Florida-specific study".⁷

11 I have reviewed the Florida-specific study in question and
12 also BST's filing in this proceeding. The retirements in these three
13 accounts are negligible and recent life indications are either much
14 longer than the FCC's 25-years or are erratic. The Florida-specific
15 data indicates that if anything, the FCC's 25-year projection lives
16 should be lengthened, not shortened to BST's 20-year request.
17 Consequently, I continue to recommend the FCC's 25-year
18 projection lives.

19
20 **Q. ARE THE PROJECTION LIVES PRESCRIBED BY THE FCC**
21 **FORWARD-LOOKING?**

22 **A.** Yes, they are. As the FCC noted last year, in 1980, it "departed
23 from its previous practice of relying largely on historical experience

1 to project equipment lives and began to rely on analysis of
2 company plans, technological developments, and other future-
3 oriented studies.”⁸

4 In 1995, the FCC reaffirmed its forward-looking orientation in
5 connection with the simplification of its depreciation prescription
6 practices. The FCC prescribed a range of projection lives which
7 could be selected by carriers for prescription on a streamlined
8 basis. The FCC stated that these ranges were based upon
9 “statistical studies of the most recently prescribed factors. These
10 statistical studies required detailed analysis of each carrier’s most
11 recent retirement patterns, the carriers’ plans, and current
12 technological developments and trends.”⁹ Last year, the FCC
13 completed a review of these ranges and updated them as
14 appropriate.¹⁰ The FCC stated:

15 These ranges can be relied upon by federal
16 and state regulatory commissions for
17 determining the appropriate depreciation
18 factors for use in establishing high cost support
19 and interconnection and UNE prices.¹¹

20 Indeed, the FCC further stated:

21 In adopting a forward-looking mechanism for
22 high-cost support, we found that depreciation
23 expense calculations based on the

1 Commission's prescribed projection lives and
2 salvage factors represent the best forward-
3 looking estimates of depreciation lives and net
4 salvage percentages.¹²

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6 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THE FCC STAFF FOLLOWED THE FCC'S**
7 **DIRECTIVE TO EMPHASIZE FORWARD-LOOKING ANALYSES?**

8 A. Yes. In my experience in fifteen FCC triennial prescription
9 conferences (including BellSouth prescription conferences), the
10 FCC staff always used a forward-looking approach to setting
11 depreciation rates. The FCC staff rarely relied solely on historical
12 data to set depreciation parameters. The FCC bases its parameter
13 prescriptions upon the studies and information supplied by the
14 individual companies, specific company plans, information
15 submitted by state commission staffs, consumer groups and its
16 broad industry-wide experience.

17

18 **Q. IS THERE EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE PROJECTION**
19 **LIVES PRESCRIBED BY THE FCC HAVE BEEN FORWARD-**
20 **LOOKING?**

21 A. Yes. I would point to recent trends in the depreciation reserve
22 levels in the industry. As the FCC has recognized, "[t]he
23 depreciation reserve is an extremely important indicator of the

1 depreciation process because it is the accumulation of all past
2 depreciation accruals net of plant retirements. As such, it
3 represents the amount of a carrier's original investment that has
4 already been returned to the carrier by its customers."¹³The FCC's
5 recognition of the reserve level as an indicator of the depreciation
6 process can best be understood by examining a steady state
7 example.

8 Assume that we start with a stable environment in which the
9 average age of plant is 9 years and the expected life of plant is 27
10 years. I have assumed the addition rate, retirement rate and
11 straight-line accrual rate are all 3.7 percent (1/27), and the reserve
12 level is stable at 33 percent of plant in service (9 years/27 years).¹⁴
13 As we vary these factors, we can see the effect on the reserve
14 level. For example:

15 • If the addition rate were to increase above 3.7
16 percent, the reserve level would go down. This
17 should not be a cause for concern, since the
18 average age of plant would similarly represent
19 a lower percent of its expected life and the
20 reduced reserve level is anticipated in a
21 growing environment.

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23 • If the retirement rate were to increase above

1 3.7 percent, the reserve level would also go
2 down. This would be a cause for concern,
3 since it would indicate that the actual life of
4 plant is shorter than previously expected. If the
5 actual life is shorter the reserve should be
6 higher, not lower than 33 percent.

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- 8 • If the accrual rate were to increase above 3.7
9 percent, the reserve level would go up. This
10 would not be appropriate absent a reduction in
11 the actual life of the plant, since it would
12 indicate that the age of plant is higher than 33
13 percent of its expected life when, in fact, it is
14 not, without a reduction to the actual service
15 life of plant.

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17 In summary, a declining reserve percent would be a reason for
18 concern absent indications that it is merely the result of growth in
19 plant. On the other hand, a rising reserve percent is generally a
20 sign that accrual rates anticipate increasing retirement levels.
21 Indeed, absent indications that the expected life of plant is
22 decreasing, it might be a sign that accrual rates are too high.

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1 Exhibit MJM-4 to this testimony charts reserve levels and
2 other plant rates since 1946 for all local exchange carriers ("LECs")
3 providing full financial reports to the FCC. As shown on Page 1 of
4 Exhibit MJM-4, reserve percents decreased steadily following
5 World War II due to industry growth. These declines continued
6 through the 1970's due in part to accrual rates which were too low.
7 As shown on Page 1 of Exhibit MJM-4, however, the FCC's change
8 to forward-looking depreciation practices in the 1980s resulted in a
9 dramatic rise in reserve levels after 1980. The composite reserve
10 level rose from 18.7 percent in 1980 to an historic high of 50.7
11 percent in 1998. This track record indicates that the depreciation
12 process is resulting in adequate depreciation accruals, and that the
13 FCC's projection life estimates have been forward-looking and
14 unbiased.

15 Confirmation of the forward-looking unbiased nature of
16 current FCC prescriptions can be gained by comparing the 1998
17 accrual rate of 7.0 percent (Exhibit MJM-4, Page 4, Column l) to the
18 1998 retirement rate of 3.1 percent (Exhibit MJM-4, Page 4,
19 Column k). The prescription of an accrual rate much higher than
20 the current retirement rate indicates an expectation that the
21 retirement rate will be much higher in the future. If the FCC were
22 prescribing depreciation rates based only upon historical indicators,
23 it would be prescribing depreciation rates in the range of 3 to 5

1 percent.

2 Exhibit MJM-5 confirms that these national LEC trends apply
3 also to BellSouth-Florida and GTE-Florida. The 1999 depreciation
4 reserve percents for these companies were:

	<u>1999 Reserve %</u>
5 BellSouth-Florida	54.1%
6 GTE-Florida	48.9%

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9 **Q. WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE LIVES PROPOSED BY**
10 **BELLSOUTH AND GTE?**

11 A. G. David Cunningham sponsors BellSouth's life proposals and
12 Allen E. Sovereign sponsors GTE's life proposals. Mr. Cunningham
13 states at page 5 of his testimony:

14 The economic lives BellSouth considers to be
15 appropriate for use in the cost studies are
16 consistent with those used to determine the
17 depreciation rates currently being booked in
18 Florida for intrastate and for external reporting
19 purposes.

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21 Mr. Sovereign states:

22 GTE uses the same depreciation inputs for
23 FPSC regulatory reporting that it uses for

1 financial reporting purposes, and those are the
2 same inputs I recommend here.

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4 **Q. DOES THE FACT THAT BELLSOUTH OR GTE MAY USE THEIR**
5 **PROPOSED LIVES FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING PURPOSES**
6 **NECESSARILY MAKE THEM APPROPRIATE FOR**
7 **REGULATORY COST STUDIES?**

8 A. No. In a 1989 Petition, AT&T asked the FCC to base its regulatory
9 depreciation on its financial books.¹⁵ The FCC flatly rejected this
10 request, stating:

11 We conclude that AT&T has not made a sufficient
12 showing that this Commission should base
13 AT&T's book rates on the depreciation rates that
14 it uses for financial reporting purpose. Initially, we
15 observe that the present depreciation procedures
16 have worked well for AT&T, in terms of ensuring
17 more rapid capital recovery. Our recent
18 depreciation orders have allowed AT&T to
19 increase substantially its depreciation reserve,
20 from 24.8% of plant as of January 1, 1984 to
21 39.1% as of January 1, 1989. AT&T does not
22 state in its petition in what specific manner this
23 Commission has been remiss in our depreciation
24 rate prescriptions of recent years. Rather, it relies

1 upon the fact that in 1988 it took a \$6 billion
2 writedown of its asset value for financial reporting
3 purposes. This event may indicate that a new
4 look at AT&T's depreciation situation is
5 warranted, notwithstanding our recent
6 depreciation represcription, and we are
7 accordingly initiating herein an inquiry into AT&T's
8 need for revised depreciation rates. However, that
9 assessment can be accomplished using current
10 procedures rather than depreciation rate
11 methodologies that go well beyond those that we
12 have traditionally employed. We have taken a
13 series of initiatives during the past decade to
14 ensure that carriers are able to adjust their
15 depreciation rates promptly to recover capital
16 investment costs as quickly as possible under the
17 federal regulatory scheme. We do not see a need
18 now to abandon one of those initiatives to
19 address what appears to be a temporary problem
20 that can be resolved with measures less drastic
21 than those suggested by AT&T.¹⁶

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1 **Q. ARE FINANCIAL BOOK LIVES APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN**
2 **UNE CALCULATIONS?**

3 A. No. The lives used for financial accounting purposes are governed
4 by the Generally Accepted Accounting Principle ("GAAP") of
5 "conservatism." As the FCC has found, GAAP is investor-focused
6 and may not always serve the interest of ratepayers.

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8 **Q. HAS ANY MAJOR LEC CONCEDED THE BIAS INHERENT IN**
9 **THE FINANCIAL BOOKS?**

10 A. Yes. In the FCC's Prescription Simplification proceeding, GTE
11 noted that the GAAP conservatism principle "prefers the
12 understatement (versus overstatement) of net income and net
13 assets where any potential measurement problem exist."¹⁷ Most
14 accountants would agree that the very nature of depreciation
15 makes it a challenge to measure.

16 In its October 1998 Order, the FCC agreed with GTE,
17 stating:

18 One of the primary purpose of GAAP is to ensure
19 that a company does not present a misleading
20 picture of its financial condition and operating
21 results by, for example, overstating its asset
22 values or overstating its earnings, which would
23 mislead current and potential investors. GAAP is

1 guided by the conservatism principle which holds,
2 for example, that, when alternative expense
3 amounts are acceptable, the alternative having
4 the least favorable effect on net income should be
5 used. Although conservatism is effective in
6 protecting the interest of investors, it may not
7 always serve the interest of ratepayers.
8 Conservatism could be used under GAAP, for
9 example, to justify additional (but, perhaps not
10 "reasonable") depreciation expense by a LEC to
11 avoid its sharing obligation. Thus, GAAP would
12 not effectively limit the opportunity for LECs to
13 merge earnings so as to avoid the sharing zone
14 as the basic factor range option. In this instance,
15 GAAP does not offer adequate protection for
16 ratepayers.¹⁸

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18 **Q. BELLSOUTH COMPARES ITS PROPOSED LIVES TO THE**
19 **LIVES PRESCRIBED BY THE FCC FOR AT&T IN 1994. DO**
20 **AT&T's LIVES PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE BENCHMARK?**

21 **A. No. Any comparison to lives prescribed for AT&T in 1994 is**
22 **irrelevant because in 1994 AT&T was an interexchange carrier**
23 **("IXC"). The very same FCC Order that prescribed the lives for**
24 **AT&T in 1994 also prescribed much longer lives for thirteen LECs.**

1 Clearly, the FCC recognized the difference between the appropriate
2 lives for an IXC and a LEC. The FCC explicitly noted this difference
3 in its Prescription Simplification proceeding when it stated:

4 We believe the underlying considerations that go
5 into estimating the basic factors are sufficiently
6 different for the two groups [IXC and LEC] that
7 they should be considered separately.¹⁹

8
9 The plant lives of IXCs are simply not appropriate for use in
10 calculating UNE costs. The expected productive life of plant is
11 largely dependent upon its specific use. To use an extreme, but
12 apt, analogy, the expected productive life of the copper wire
13 installed in a house is many times that of the copper wire installed
14 in an automobile. Despite surface similarity, the use of plant by
15 LECs to provide local exchange and exchange access service is
16 much different than the use of plant by IXCs to provide
17 interexchange services.

18 IXCs are much less capital intensive than LECs, and thus
19 are able to economically replace their plant much faster than LECs
20 when the occasion demands. To service all homes and businesses
21 in the nation, an IXC needs only about 150 switches and 100,000
22 sheath kilometers of cable. To gain the same ubiquity for local
23 exchange service, the LECs require over 23,000 switches and

1 6,000,000 sheath kilometers of cable. No matter how motivated the
2 LECs may be, the sheer magnitude and complexity of the
3 replacement effort ensures that replacement is a long, drawn-out
4 process. This difference also helps explain why facilities-based
5 competition came quickly to the interexchange industry and has
6 been painfully slow in the local exchange industry.

7

8 **Q. HOW DID BELLSOUTH AND GTE DEVELOP THEIR LIFE**
9 **ESTIMATES FOR THE ACCOUNTS IMPACTED BY**
10 **TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE?**

11 A. They relied largely upon "substitution analysis," which attempts to
12 forecast the pattern by which new technology will replace old
13 technology. GTE relied upon substitution analyses performed by
14 Technologies Futures, Inc. ("TFI"), whose industry studies have
15 been used frequently by local exchange carriers to justify shorter
16 lives in regulatory depreciation proceedings. TFI's studies are
17 sponsored by the Telecommunications Technology Forecasting
18 Group ("TTFG"), an industry association of BellSouth, GTE, Sprint
19 and other major LECs in the United States and Canada. In prior
20 proceedings BellSouth also relied on TFI and at one point
21 convinced the Florida Public Service Commission to rely on TFI as
22 well. However, that reliance has been shown to have been
23 misplaced.

1 Q. WHAT ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLIE THESE STUDIES?

2 A. These studies are based upon the premise that LECs will replace
3 their narrowband telecommunications networks with broadband
4 integrated networks capable of providing both telecommunications
5 services and video services, such as cable television. According to
6 these studies, Fiber-In-The-Loop ("FITL") will bring broadband to
7 the home, displacing copper plant. This will result in the upgrading
8 of all transmission systems to Synchronous Optical Network
9 ("SONET"), replacing existing circuit equipment. TFI also predicts
10 that Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM") switching equipment will
11 provide a broadband switching capability replacing today's
12 narrowband switch fabrics.

13

14 Q. SHOULD TELRIC COST STUDIES BE BASED UPON
15 ASSUMPTIONS SUCH AS THOSE UNDERLYING THESE
16 ESTIMATES?

17 A. No. TELRIC is based on the use of the most efficient
18 telecommunications technology currently available and the lowest
19 cost network configuration, given the existing location of the
20 incumbent LEC's wire centers. The TELRIC standard requires a
21 determination of the stand-alone cost of unbundled network
22 elements in an efficient telecommunication network. The plant lives
23 appropriate for such a calculation should not be based upon the

1 assumption that efficient telecommunications facilities will be
2 prematurely retired in order to provide broadband video services.

3

4 **Q. ARE THE LIVES RESULTING FROM THE USE OF**
5 **SUBSTITUTION ANALYSIS NECESSARILY ACCURATE?**

6 A. No. Substitution models merely provide a convenient method for
7 plotting by year the growth of new technology assuming the inputs
8 to the formula are correct. The output of a substitution analysis is
9 only as accurate as the inputs selected.

10 In the first place, substitution analysis is not even relevant
11 unless it is known that a new technology will replace, not
12 supplement, an older technology. It appears, for example, the
13 Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM") switches will be deployed as
14 a supplemental technology to digital switches, not as a replacement
15 for them. As such, substitution analysis is of no relevance. This
16 helps to explain the low retirement rates for digital switching
17 equipment.

18 Indeed, even when a substitution has started, it does not
19 necessarily follow that it will finish according to pattern. It appeared
20 at one point, for example, that nuclear fuel would replace fossil fuel
21 in electrical generation in this country. The use of substitution
22 formulas in that case would have resulted in dramatically incorrect
23 predictions.

1 Even if a full substitution is likely, the formula requires the
2 user to predict both the rate of substitution and the point at which
3 the replacement technology will reach 50 percent of the universe.
4 In other words, the analyst must insert as an input the average
5 remaining life of the old technology, since this is essentially the 50
6 percent level of the new technology. Although substitution
7 methodology allows the preparation and presentation of impressive
8 looking charts and tables, it is merely charting the assumptions
9 made by the analyst. Its outputs at the hands of BellSouth or TFI
10 are no more credible than their inputs.

11

12 **Q. HAS SUBSTITUTION ANALYSIS PROVEN ACCURATE OVER**
13 **THE LONG RUN?**

14 A. No. Although TFI forecasts have been provided to the FCC for
15 nearly a decade, they have not been relied upon in the selection of
16 plant projection lives. Fatina K. Franklin, the Chief of the FCC's
17 Competitive Analysis Branch, made a presentation at the Annual
18 Meeting of the Society of Depreciation Professionals on the subject
19 of forecasting. The charts from her presentation are provided as
20 Exhibit MJM-6. Charts 3 and 4 deal specifically with TFI's
21 estimates. Chart 3 demonstrates that TFI's 1989 estimates for the
22 retirement of circuit equipment surviving as of the end of 1996 is
23 nearly three times as great as that predicted by its studies. Chart 4

1 demonstrates that its 1994 estimates for circuit equipment and
2 analog stored program control ("SPC") switches are already proving
3 inaccurate. Exhibit MJM-7 to this testimony provides a similar
4 analysis of TFI's fiber in the feeder estimates. Page 1 of this
5 analysis shows its predictions for the percent of fiber in the feeder
6 in 1988, 1994 and 1997, and actuals (in bold) through 1995. In
7 1988 TFI predicted a substitution of 22.55 percent by 1995; in 1994
8 its prediction dropped to 11.20 percent; and its latest study shows
9 an actual of 9.30 percent. Page 2 graphically portrays this data and
10 demonstrates how TFI's life estimates have lengthened as actuals
11 became available.

12

13 **Q. HAS BELLSOUTH'S USE OF SUBSTITUTION ANALYSIS**
14 **PRODUCED ESTIMATES MORE ACCURATE THAN TFI'S**
15 **ESTIMATES?**

16 **A.** No. Exhibit MJM-8 to this testimony reproduces the "tracking
17 reports" filed by BellSouth as part of its 1996 Depreciation Study.
18 The FCC requires these reports to shed light on the accuracy of
19 past forecasts by a LEC. Actual retirements from 1993 to 1995 as a
20 percent of retirements forecast in 1993 for the South Central Bell
21 Companies were as follows:

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1	Aerial Cable Metal	32.3%
2	Underground Cable Metal	11.1%
3	Buried Cable Metal	23.6%

4 This abysmal track record may have contributed to BellSouth's
5 failure to request represcription in 1996 and 1999.

6

7 **Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY FLORIDA-SPECIFIC INFORMATION?**

8 A. Yes. Exhibit MJM-9 is a comparison of the TFI predictions upon
9 which this Commission set BellSouth's copper cable depreciation
10 rates in Docket No. 920385-TL. This table demonstrates that TFI
11 was wrong by over \$1.3 million. The remaining lives based on TFI's
12 forecast were equally as wrong.

13

14 **Q. HAVE YOU COMPARED BELLSOUTH FLORIDA'S AND GTE
15 FLORIDA'S PROPOSED LIVES TO THE FCC LIVES?**

16 A. Yes, I have. Page 1 of Exhibit MJM-10 compares BellSouth's life
17 proposals (Column e) to:

- 18 • the range of projection lives
19 prescribed by the FCC pursuant to its
20 Prescription Simplification proceeding
21 (Columns a and b);
- 22 • the most recent FCC projection life
23 prescription for BellSouth Florida

- 1 (Column c);
- 2 • the lives currently prescribed for use
- 3 in pricing BellSouth Florida UNEs
- 4 (Column d); and
- 5 • my proposal in this proceeding
- 6 (Column f).

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8 Page 2 displays these same comparisons for future net salvage.

9 Pages 3 and 4 display these same life and future net salvage

10 comparisons for GTE.²⁰

11 Many of BellSouth's and GTE's proposed lives are much

12 shorter than the FCC/FPSC's projection lives for the major

13 technology accounts. Consequently, they are inappropriate for use

14 in UNE calculations.

15

16 **Q. HAVE YOU COMPARED BELLSOUTH FLORIDA'S AND GTE-**

17 **FLORIDA'S HISTORICAL LIVES TO THE FCC'S AND FPSC'S**

18 **LIVES ?**

19 **A.** Neither of the Companies' filings provide specific information or

20 data to make such a comparison. Nevertheless, I am quite certain

21 based on my experience that the historical lives vastly exceed the

22 FCC's and FPSC's lives for the major technology accounts.

23

1 Q. WHAT WOULD BE THE RESULT OF UNE COSTS BASED ON
2 BELLSOUTH'S AND GTE'S PROPOSED LIVES?

3 A. UNE costs would be overstated and competition would be impeded.

4

5 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

6 A. Yes, it does.

¹ FCC, *Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket No. 96-98, First Report and Order, FCC 96-325, released August 8, 1996 ("August 8 Order"), Appendix B ("Rules").

² FPSC, Docket Nos. 960757-TP, 960833-TP, 960846-TP, Order No. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP, issued April 29, 1998, ("April 29 Order") Table III.

³ FCC Parameter Report, August 11, 1998.

⁴ Rules ¶ 51.505 (a)

⁵ Rules ¶ 51.505 (b) (3).

⁶ *The economic life of an asset is its total revenue producing life. Public Utility Depreciation Practices ("Depreciation Practices")*, National Associate of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, August 1996, p. 318.

⁷ April 29 Order, p. 40.

⁸ 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review-Review of Depreciation Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket 98-137, Report and Order, FCC 99-397, released December 30, 1999 ("1999 Update"), para. 5.

⁹ *Simplification of the Depreciation Prescription Process*, CC Docket No. 92-296 ("Prescription Simplification" proceeding), Third Report and Order, FCC 95-181, released May 4, 1995, p. 6.

¹⁰ 1999 Update, para. 14.

¹¹ *Id.*, para. 34.

¹² *United States Telephone Association's Petition for Forbearance from Depreciation Regulation of Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*, ASD 98-91, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 99-397, released December 30, 1999, para. 61 (emphasis added).

¹³ *Report on Telephone Industry Depreciation, Tax Capital/Expense Policy, Accounting and Audits Division*, Federal Communications Commission, April 15, 1987 ("AAD Report"), p. 3.

¹⁴ *Reserve will stabilize at 33 percent assuming a triangular (straight-line) mortality curve. See Notes for Engineering Economics Courses, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Engineering Department, 1996, p. 121.*

¹⁵ *The Modification of the Commission's Depreciation Prescription Practices as Applied to AT&T and The Prescription of Revised AT&T Depreciation Rates, Petition of American Telephone and Telegraph, February 15, 1989.*

¹⁶ *Id.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 89-325, adopted November 22, 1989 (footnote deleted).

¹⁷ *Prescription Simplification, Comments of GTE Service Corporation and its affiliated domestic telephone companies ("GTE"), March 10, 1993, p. 14.*

¹⁸ *Id.*, Report and Order, FCC 93-452, released October 20, 1993, para.46.

¹⁹ *Prescription Simplification, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, released December 29, 1992*

²⁰ *Column d is not available for GTE.*

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APPEARANCES BEFORE REGULATORY AGENCIES
RELATED TO DEPRECIATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>
New Jersey	815-458	New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.
District of Columbia	785	Potomac Electric Power Co.
Maryland	7689	Washington Gas Light Co.
District of Columbia	813	Potomac Electric Power Co.
Pennsylvania	R-842621	Western Pennsylvania Water Co.
Maryland	7743	Potomac Edison Electric Co.
Maryland	7851	Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co.
California	I-85-03-78	Pacific Bell Telephone Co.
Pennsylvania	R-850174	Philadelphia Suburban Water Co.
Pennsylvania	R-850178	Pennsylvania Gas & Water Co.
Pennsylvania	R-850229	General Tel. of Pennsylvania
Maryland	7899	Delmarva Power & Light Co.
Pennsylvania	R-850268	York Water Co.
Pennsylvania	R-860350	Dauphin Water Co.
Idaho	U-1022-59	General Tel. of the Northwest
Maryland	7973	Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.
Pennsylvania	C-860923	Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania
Iowa	DPU-86-2	Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.
District of Columbia	842	Washington Gas Light Co.
Iowa	RPU-87-3	Iowa Public Service Company
Florida	880069-TL	Southern Bell Telephone

<u>STATE</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>
District of Columbia	869	Potomac Electric Power Company
Iowa	RPU-88-6	Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.
New Jersey	1487-88	Morris County Transfer Station
Florida	890256-TL	Southern Bell Telephone
New Jersey	ER89110912	Jersey Central Power & Light Co.
New Jersey	WR900050497J	Elizabethtown Water Company
South Carolina	92-227-C	Southern Bell Telephone Company
Maryland	8485	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company
Pennsylvania	P-900465	United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania
West Virginia	90-564-T-D	C&P Telephone Co.
New Jersey	90080792J	Hackensack Water Co.
New Jersey	WR90080884J	Middlesex Water Company
Pennsylvania	R-911892	Philadelphia Suburban Water
Kansas	176,716-U	Kansas Power & Light Co.
Indiana	39017	Indiana Bell Telephone Co.
Nevada	91-5054	Central Telephone Co. - Nevada
New Jersey	EE91081428	Public Service Elec. & Gas Co.
Maryland	8462	C&P Telephone Co.
West Virginia	91-1037-E-D	Appalachian Power Company
Maryland	8464	Potomac Electric Power Company
South Carolina	92-227-C	Southern Bell - South Carolina
Maryland	8485	Baltimore Gas & Electric Co.
Georgia	4451-U	Atlanta Gas Light Company
New Jersey	GR93040114	New Jersey Natural Gas Company
Iowa	RPU-93-9	U.S. West - Iowa
Iowa	RPU-94-3	Midwest Gas
Connecticut	94-10-03	Southern New England Telephone
Pennsylvania	R-00953300	Citizens Utilities Company
Arizona	E-1032-95-417 et. al.	Citizens Utilities Company
New Hampshire	DE 96-52	New England Telephone

<u>STATE</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>
Iowa	DPU-96-1	U S West - Iowa
Ohio	96-922-TP-UNC	Ameritech - Ohio
Michigan	U-11280	Ameritech - Michigan
Michigan	U-11281	GTE North
Wyoming	7000-TR-96-323	US West-Wyoming
Iowa	RPU-96-9	US West-Iowa
Illinois	96-0486/0569	Ameritech - Illinois
Indiana	40611	Ameritech - Indiana
Utah	97-049-08	US West-Utah

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**PARTICIPATION AS NEGOTIATOR IN FCC DEPRECIATION
RATE REPRESRIPTION CONFERENCES**

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>CLIENT</u>
Diamond State Telephone Co.	1985 + 1988	Delaware Public Service Commission
Bell Telephone of Pennsylvania	1986 + 1989	PA Consumer Advocate
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. - Md.	1986	Maryland People's Counsel
Southwestern Bell Telephone - Kansas	1986	Kansas Corp. Commission
Southern Bell - Florida	1986	Florida Consumer Advocate
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. - W. Va.	1987 + 1990	West VA Consumer Advocate
New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.	1985 + 1988	New Jersey Rate Counsel
Southern Bell - South Carolina	1986 + 1989 + 1992	S. Carolina Consumer Advocate
GTE-North - Pennsylvania	1989	PA Consumer Advocate

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**PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH DEPRECIATION
WAS SETTLED BEFORE TESTIMONY WAS SUBMITTED**

<u>STATE</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>UTILITY</u>
Maryland	7878	Potomac Edison
Nevada	88-728	Southwest Gas
New Jersey	WR90090950J	New Jersey American Water
New Jersey	WR900050497J	Elizabethtown Water
New Jersey	WR91091483	Garden State Water
West Virginia	91-1037-E	Appalachian Power Co.
Nevada	92-7002	Central Telephone - Nevada
Pennsylvania	R-00932873	Blue Mountain Water
West Virginia	93-1165-E-D	Potomac Edison
West Virginia	94-0013-E-D	Monongahela Power
New Jersey	WR94030059	New Jersey American Water
New Jersey	WR95080346	Elizabethtown Water
New Jersey	WR95050219	Toms River Water Co.
New Jersey	WR95070303	Hackensack Water Co. Jersey

Experience**Snavely King Majoros O'Connor & Lee, Inc.***Vice President and Treasurer (1988 to Present)**Senior Consultant (1981-1987)*

Mr. Majoros provides consultation specializing in accounting, financial, and management issues. He has testified as an expert witness or negotiated on behalf of clients in more than eighty regulatory proceedings involving telephone, electric, gas, water and sewerage companies. Mr. Majoros has appeared before Federal and state agencies. His testimony has encompassed a wide variety of complex issues including taxation, divestiture accounting, revenue requirements, rate base, nuclear decommissioning and capital recovery.

Mr. Majoros has been responsible for developing the firm's consulting services on depreciation and other capital recovery procedures into a major area of practice. He has also developed the firm's capabilities in the management audit area and established the firm's office in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Van Scoyoc & Wiskup, Inc., Consultant (1978-1981)

Mr. Majoros performed various management and regulatory consulting projects in the public utility field, including preparation of electric system load projections for a group of municipally and cooperatively owned electric systems; preparation of a system of accounts and reporting of gas and oil pipelines to be used by a state regulatory commission; accounting system analysis and design for rate proceedings involving electric, gas, and telephone utilities. Mr. Majoros also assisted in an antitrust proceeding involving a major electric utility. He submitted expert testimony in FERC Docket No. RP79-12 (El Paso Natural Gas Company). In addition, he co-authored a study entitled Analysis of Staff Study on Comprehensive Tax Normalization that was submitted to FERC in Docket No. RM80-42.

Handling Equipment Sales Company, Inc., Treasurer (1976-1978)

Mr. Majoros' responsibilities included financial management, general accounting and reporting, and income taxes.

Ernst & Ernst, Auditor (1973-1976)

Mr. Majoros was a member of the audit staff where his responsibilities included auditing, supervision, business systems analysis, report preparation, and corporate income taxes.

University of Baltimore - (1971-1973)

Mr. Majoros was a full-time student in the School of Business. During this period Mr. Majoros worked consistently on a part-time basis in the following positions: **Assistant Legislative Auditor – State of Maryland, Staff Accountant – Robert M. Carney & Co., CPA's, Staff Accountant – Noron & Wrgod, CPA's, Credit Clerk – Montgomery Wards.**

Central Savings Bank, (1969-1971)

Mr. Majoros was an Assistant Branch Manager at the time he left the bank to attend college as a full-time student. During his tenure at the bank, Mr. Majoros gained experience in each department of the bank. In addition, he attended night school at the University of Baltimore.

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University of Baltimore, School of Business, B.S. – Concentration in Accounting

Professional Affiliations

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Maryland Association of C.P.A.s
Society of Depreciation Professionals

Publications, Papers, and Panels

"Analysis of Staff Study on Comprehensive Tax Normalization," FERC Docket No. RM 80-42, 1980.

"Telephone Company Deferred Taxes and Investment Tax Credits – A Capital Loss for Ratepayers," *Public Utility Fortnightly*, September 27, 1984.

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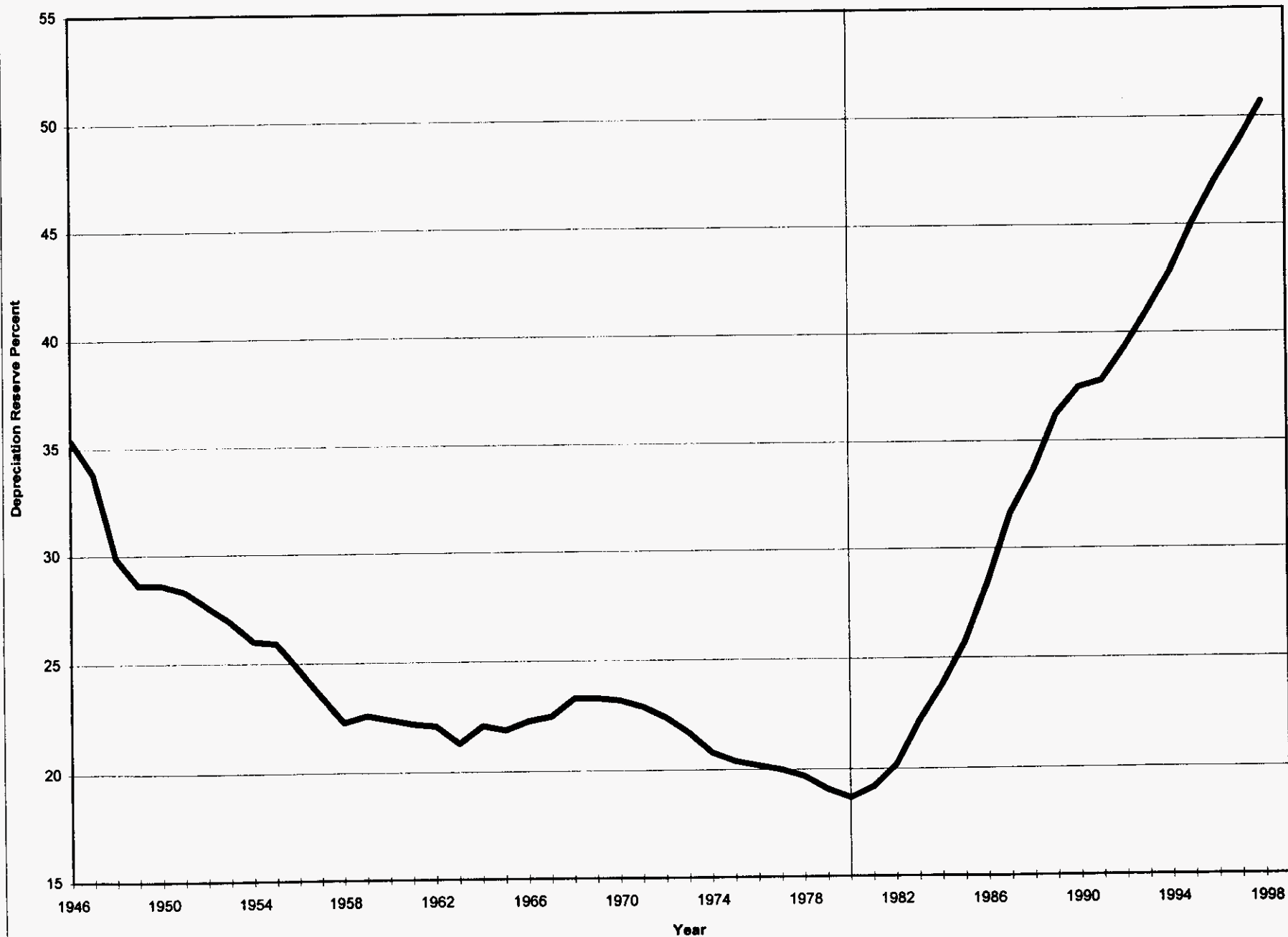
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"Impaired Assets Under SFAS No. 121," *National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates*, 1996 *Mid-Year Meeting*, 1996.

Depreciation Reserve Percent
All Reporting LECs



All Reporting LECs' Plant Related Rates
(Dollars in Millions)

	Telecommunications Plant in Service				Add (e)	Ret (f)	Deprec (g)	EOY Reserve (h)	AVG Reserve (i)	Add Rate (j) = e/a	Retire Rate (k) = f/a	Deprec Rate (l) = g/c	Reserve Percent (m) = h/b
	BOY (a)	EOY (b)	Average (c)=(a+b)/2	Increase (d) = b-a									
1946		6,500					2,300						35.4
1947	6,500	7,400	6,950	900			2,500	2,400					33.8
1948	7,400	8,700	8,050	1,300			2,600	2,550					29.9
1949	8,700	9,800	9,250	1,100			2,800	2,700					28.6
1950	9,800	10,500	10,150	700			3,000	2,900					28.6
1951	10,500	11,300	10,900	800			3,200	3,100					28.3
1952	11,300	12,300	11,800	1,000			3,400	3,300					27.6
1953	12,300	13,400	12,850	1,100			3,600	3,500					26.9
1954	13,400	14,600	14,000	1,200			3,800	3,700					26.0
1955	14,600	15,800	15,200	1,200			4,100	3,950					25.9
1956	15,800	17,400	16,600	1,600			4,300	4,200					24.7
1957	17,400	19,600	18,500	2,200			4,600	4,450					23.5
1958	19,600	22,000	20,800	2,400			4,900	4,750					22.3
1959	22,000	23,000	22,500	1,000			5,200	5,050					22.6
1960	23,000	25,000	24,000	2,000	2,700	700	5,600	5,400	11.7	3.0	4.6		22.4
1961	25,000	27,000	26,000	2,000	2,800	800	6,000	5,800	11.2	3.2	4.6		22.2
1962	27,000	29,000	28,000	2,000	2,900	900	6,400	6,200	10.7	3.3	4.6		22.1
1963	29,000	32,000	30,500	3,000	4,000	1,000	6,800	6,600	13.8	3.4	4.6		21.3
1964	32,000	34,000	33,000	2,000	2,900	900	7,500	7,150	9.1	2.8	4.8		22.1
1965	34,000	37,000	35,500	3,000	4,100	1,100	8,100	7,800	12.1	3.2	4.8		21.9
1966	37,000	40,000	38,500	3,000	4,100	1,100	8,900	8,500	11.1	3.0	4.9		22.3
1967	40,000	44,000	42,000	4,000	5,100	1,100	9,900	9,400	12.8	2.8	5.0		22.5

All Reporting LECs' Plant Related Rates
(Dollars in Millions)

	Telecommunications Plant in Service				Add (e)	Ret (f)	Deprec (g)	EOY Reserve (h)	AVG Reserve (i)	Add Rate (j) = e/a	Retire Rate (k) = f/a	Deprec Rate (l) = g/c	Reserve Percent (m) = h/b
	BOY (a)	EOY (b)	Average (c)=(a+b)/2	Increase (d) = b-a									
1968	43,249	47,123	45,186	3,874	5,104	1,230	2,304	10,979	10,440	11.8	2.8	5.1	23.3
1969	47,175	51,724	49,450	4,549	6,022	1,473	2,507	12,072	11,526	12.8	3.1	5.1	23.3
1970	51,723	56,951	54,337	5,228	6,880	1,651	2,751	13,213	12,643	13.3	3.2	5.1	23.2
1971	56,972	63,090	60,031	6,118	8,052	1,933	3,016	14,447	13,830	14.1	3.4	5.0	22.9
1972	63,068	69,870	66,469	6,802	9,044	2,242	3,330	15,643	15,045	14.3	3.6	5.0	22.4
1973	69,951	77,442	73,697	7,491	10,085	2,595	3,659	16,769	16,206	14.4	3.7	5.0	21.7
1974	77,107	84,888	80,998	7,781	11,024	3,243	4,047	17,685	17,227	14.3	4.2	5.0	20.8
1975	84,799	92,284	88,542	7,485	10,881	3,396	4,486	18,809	18,247	12.8	4.0	5.1	20.4
1976	92,591	99,879	96,235	7,288	11,139	3,856	4,934	20,163	19,486	12.0	4.2	5.1	20.2
1977	101,237	109,496	105,367	8,259	12,438	4,136	5,630	21,903	21,033	12.3	4.1	5.3	20.0
1978	109,502	119,336	114,419	9,834	14,549	4,681	6,199	23,474	22,689	13.3	4.3	5.4	19.7
1979	118,612	129,972	124,292	11,360	16,843	5,452	6,820	24,881	24,178	14.2	4.6	5.5	19.1
1980	129,767	142,096	135,932	12,329	18,694	6,378	7,804	26,512	25,697	14.4	4.9	5.7	18.7
1981	142,121	155,845	148,983	13,724	19,482	5,749	8,664	29,932	28,222	13.7	4.0	5.8	19.2
1982	155,907	168,075	161,991	12,168	18,466	6,409	9,757	33,957	31,945	11.8	4.1	6.0	20.2
1983	169,162	178,482	173,822	9,320	16,076	6,664	11,340	39,571	36,764	9.5	3.9	6.5	22.2
1984	152,315	159,798	156,057	7,483	14,994	4,994	10,048	37,996	38,784	9.8	3.3	6.4	23.8
1985	174,218	186,294	180,256	12,076	18,972	6,687	11,469	43,837	40,917	10.9	3.8	6.9	25.7
1986	186,972	198,758	192,865	11,786	18,907	6,954	13,142	51,543	47,690	10.1	3.7	7.5	28.4
1987	199,063	209,687	204,375	10,624	18,535	7,886	15,263	61,471	56,507	9.3	4.0	8.1	31.6
1988	210,720	220,395	215,558	9,675	17,947	8,949	16,627	74,123	67,797	8.5	4.2	7.7	33.6

All Reporting LECs' Plant Related Rates
(Dollars in Millions)

	Telecommunications Plant in Service				Add (e)	Ret (f)	Deprec (g)	EOY Reserve (h)	AVG Reserve (i)	Add Rate (j) = e/a	Retire Rate (k) = f/a	Deprec Rate (l) = g/c	Reserve Percent (m) = h/b
	BOY (a)	EOY (b)	Average (c)=(a+b)/2	Increase (d) = b-a									
1989	220,126	229,326	224,726	9,200	16,868	8,145	16,839	83,115	78,619	7.7	3.7	7.5	36.2
1990	229,103	235,247	232,175	6,144	18,473	12,380	16,955	88,146	85,631	8.1	5.4	7.3	37.5
1991	236,093	241,620	238,857	5,527	18,322	12,896	16,607	91,427	89,787	7.8	5.5	7.0	37.8
1992	242,599	249,508	246,054	6,909	18,877	12,138	17,036	98,053	94,740	7.8	5.0	6.9	39.3
1993	250,570	258,782	254,676	8,212	18,864	11,217	17,676	106,079	102,066	7.5	4.5	6.9	41.0
1994	259,216	267,443	263,330	8,227	18,781	10,990	18,656	114,598	110,339	7.2	4.2	7.1	42.8
1995	268,555	278,946	273,751	10,391	19,482	9,411	19,393	125,789	120,194	7.3	3.5	7.1	45.1
1996	278,974	291,569	285,272	12,595	22,401	10,271	20,527	137,278	131,534	8.0	3.7	7.2	47.1
1997	291,569	303,809	297,689	12,240	23,171	11,627	21,156	148,163	142,721	7.9	4.0	7.1	48.8
1998	303,689	319,767	311,728	16,078	24,218	9,337	21,947	162,102	155,133	8.0	3.1	7.0	50.7
Avg.	'60-'83									12.6	3.6	5.2	
	'84-'98									8.4	4.1	7.2	

Source: 1946 -1967 Report on Telephone Industry Depreciation, Tax and Capital/Expense Policy, Accounting and Audits Division, FCC, April 15, 1987, pp.6, 9
 1968 - 1983 FCC Statistics of Common Carriers, Tables 12 and 16
 1984 - 1987 FCC Statistics of Common Carriers, Tables 10 and 14
 1988 - 1998 FCC Statistics of Common Carriers, Tables 2.7 and 2.9

Note 1: 1946 - 1983 includes AT&T

Note 2: Cols l and m for 1985-1987 from Table 14 data as follows:

Col l = 1985 Col g/165,076
 1986 Col g/175,926
 1987 Col g/187,920
 Col m = 1985 Col h/170,355
 1986 Col h/181,496
 1987 Col h/194,343

BellSouth Telephone Plant Related Rates

(Dollars in Millions)

	<u>Telecommunications Plant in Service</u>				<u>Add</u>	<u>Ret</u>	<u>Deprec</u>	<u>EOY Reserve</u>	<u>AVG. Reserve</u>	<u>Add Rate</u>	<u>Retire Rate</u>	<u>Deprec Rate</u>	<u>Reserve Percent</u>
	<u>BOY</u>	<u>EOY</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Increase</u>									
	(a)	(b)	(c)=(a+b)/2	(d) = b-a	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j) = e/a	(k) = f/a	(l) = g/c	(m) = h/b
1990	32,462	34,216	33,339	1,754	3,026	1,272	2,506	12,063	11,378	9.3	3.9	7.5	35.3
1991	34,216	35,829	35,023	1,613	2,994	1,382	2,598	13,384	12,724	8.8	4.0	7.4	37.4
1992	36,034	37,644	36,839	1,610	2,768	1,159	2,615	15,096	14,240	7.7	3.2	7.1	40.1
1993	37,644	39,445	38,545	1,801	3,142	1,341	2,811	16,669	15,883	8.3	3.6	7.3	42.3
1994	39,445	41,095	40,270	1,650	3,143	1,493	2,919	18,203	17,436	8.0	3.8	7.2	44.3
1995	41,095	42,934	42,015	1,839	3,177	1,349	3,044	19,944	19,074	7.7	3.3	7.2	46.5
1996	42,934	45,318	44,126	2,384	3,731	1,347	3,174	22,176	21,060	8.7	3.1	7.2	48.9
1997	45,318	47,203	46,261	1,885	3,413	1,866	3,299	24,155	23,166	7.5	4.1	7.1	51.2
1998	47,203	49,517	48,360	2,314	3,707	1,521	3,594	26,436	25,296	7.9	3.2	7.4	53.4
1999	49,517	51,851	50,684	2,334	4,317	2,729	3,492	28,033	27,235	8.7	5.5	6.9	54.1
Avg.										8.3	3.8	7.2	

Source: Annual Report Form M, Tables B-1 and B-5, 1990-1991
 ARMIS 43-02 Reports, Tables B-1 and B-5, 1992-1999

Note: Excludes Customer Premise Wiring

GTE - Florida Telephone Plant Related Rates

(Dollars in Millions)

	<u>Telecommunications Plant in Service</u>				<u>Add</u>	<u>Ret</u>	<u>Deprec</u>	<u>EOY Reserve</u>	<u>AVG. Reserve</u>	<u>Add Rate</u>	<u>Retire Rate</u>	<u>Deprec Rate</u>	<u>Reserve Percent</u>
	<u>BOY</u>	<u>EOY</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Increase</u>									
	(a)	(b)	(c)=(a+b)/2	(d) = b-a	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j) = e/a	(k) = f/a	(l) = g/c	(m) = h/b
1995	3676	3853	3,765	177	313	136	312	1407	1,745	8.5	3.7	8.3	36.5
1996	3853	4027	3,940	174	307	118	333	1626	1,745	8.0	3.1	8.5	40.4
1997	4,027	4,286	4,157	259	391	111	343	1,864	1,745	9.7	2.8	8.3	43.5
1998	4,286	4,598	4,442	312	405	117	368	2,131	1,745	9.4	2.7	8.3	46.3
1999	4,598	4,779	4,689	181	361	181	376	2,335	1,745	7.9	3.9	8.0	48.9
Avg.										8.7	3.2	8.3	

Source: ARMIS 43-02 Reports, Tables B-1 and B-5, 1995-1999

Note: Excludes Customer Premise Wiring

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LIFE SPAN OR FORECAST METHOD

1. Large Individual Identifiable Units
2. Forecast Of An Individual Retirement Date Or Overall Life Span
3. Life Span - Yrs. From Avg. Date Of Placing To Avg. Date Of Retirement
4. Future Additions Are Integral Part Of Initial Installation

ANALOG ELECTRONIC SWITCHING (INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT DATE)

<u>Location Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Equipped Lines</u>	<u>Year Placed</u>	<u>Book Investment</u>	<u>Est. Date Of Retirement</u>
Springfield	1A	50,000	1979	15,000,000	1999
Paris	2B	10,000	1980	2,500,000	1998
Lexington	RSS	1,000	1984	500,000	1997
Total or Composite		61,000	1979.3	18,000,000	1998.8

DIGITAL ELECTRONIC SWITCHING (OVERALL LIFE SPAN)

<u>Location Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Equipped Lines</u>	<u>Year Placed</u>	<u>Book Investment</u>
Jackson	5ESS	56,000	1985	20,000,000
Gainesville	DMS-100	9,000	1987	5,000,000
Lexington	RSS	200	1990	300,000
Total or Composite		65,200	1985.5	25,300,000

Est. Avg. Retirement Year = 1985.5 + 20 Year Span = 2005.5

PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE

Company A Buried Metallic Cable

<u>Year</u>	<u>1994 Study Forecast</u>	<u>1997 Study Actuals/Forecast</u>	<u>Beg of Year Investment</u>
1994	214.9	229.8 (A)	
1995	140.5	153.5 (A)	
1996	<u>86.5</u>	<u>62.1 (A)</u>	
Total	441.9	445.4 (A)	
1997	43.4	33.2 (F)	221.3
1998	41.0	132.8 (F)	188.1
1999	<u>44.6</u>	<u>55.3 (F)</u>	<u>55.3</u>
Total	129.0	221.3 (F)	464.7

Average Remaining Life (As of 1/1/97) = $464.7 / 221.3 - 0.5 = 1.6$ Years

Company B Aerial Metallic Cable

<u>Year</u>	<u>1991 Study Forecast</u>	<u>1994 Study Forecast</u>	<u>1997 Study Actuals</u>
1994	7,418	5,887	3,532
1995	10,318	7,532	3,818
1996	<u>12,697</u>	<u>9,037</u>	<u>3,490</u>
Total	30,433	22,456	10,840

Substitution Analysis 1

OBSOLESCENCE OF CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT-ALL CATEGORIES SURVIVORS REMAINING FROM 1987 INVESTMENT

<u>Technology Futures Inc.*</u> <u>End Of</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Surviving</u>	<u>Percent Surviving From</u> <u>FCC Carriers Reviewed In</u>	
		<u>1996#</u>	<u>1997@</u>
1987	100		
1988	90		
1989	83		
1990	73		
1991	62		
1992	53		
1993	44		
1994	35		
1995	27	60.6	
1996	21		59.2

ARL (As of 1-1-89) = 5.3 Years

* Technological Substitution in Circuit Equipment
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Includes NET, SNET, US West, GTE-South & GTE-SW

@ Includes Southwestern Bell, Cincinnati Bell & US West

Substitution Analysis 2

Non-SONET Circuit Equipment Survivors

<u>Technology Futures Inc.*</u>		Percent Surviving From	
End Of Year	% Of 1994 Investment Surviving	Carriers Reviewed By FCC Staff In	
		<u>1996#</u>	<u>1997@</u>
1994	100		
1995	89	97.6	
1996	76		93.7

ARL (As of 1-1-95) = 3.7 Years

Analog SPC Survivors

<u>Technology Futures Inc.*</u>		Percent Surviving From	
End Of Year	% Of 1994 Investment Surviving	Carriers Reviewed By FCC Staff In	
		<u>1996#</u>	<u>1997@</u>
1994	100.0		
1995	82.1	95.0	
1996	58.9		84.1

ARL (As of 1-1-95) = 2.8 Years

* Depreciation Lives for Telecommunications
 Equipment: Review & Update
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Includes NET, SNET, US West, GTE-South & GTE-SW

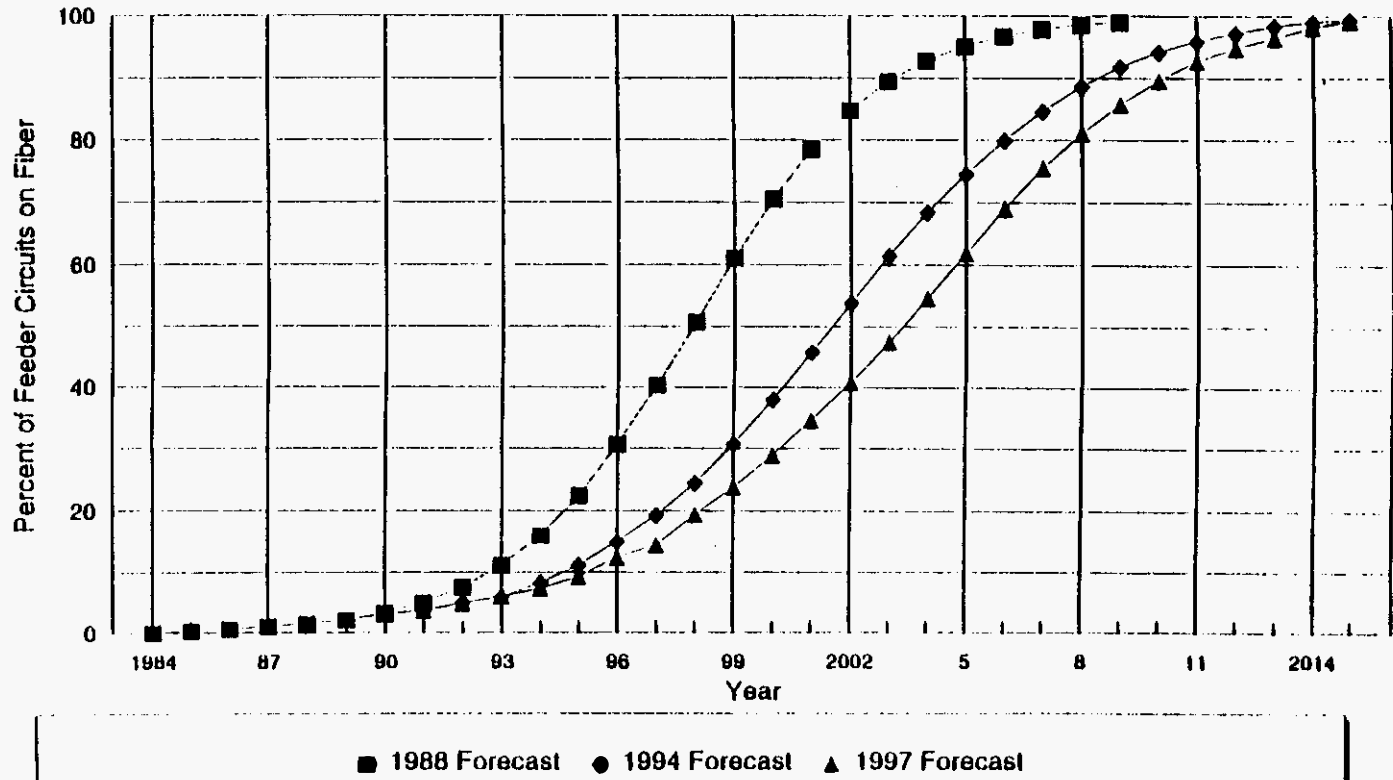
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**COMPARISON OF TFI'S FIBER FEEDER FORECASTS
 (PERCENT OF CIRCUITS SERVED BY FIBER CABLE)**

<u>End-of-Year</u>	<u>TFI's 1988 Forecast %</u>	<u>TFI's 1994 Forecast %</u>	<u>TFI's 1997 Forecast %</u>
1982	0.0	0.0	0.0
1983	0.1	0.1	0.1
1984	0.1	0.1	0.1
1985	0.4	0.4	0.4
1986	0.7	0.7	0.7
1987	1.1	1.1	1.1
1988	1.6	1.6	1.6
1989	2.2	2.2	2.2
1990	3.4	3.1	3.1
1991	5.1	3.8	3.7
1992	7.6	5.1	4.9
1993	11.1	6.1	6.1
1994	16.0	8.3	7.4
1995	22.6	11.2	9.3
1996	30.8	15.0	12.4
1997	40.4	19.4	14.4
1998	50.8	24.6	19.5
1999	61.2	30.8	23.9
2000	70.6	38.0	29.0
2001	78.5	45.9	34.6
2002	84.8	53.9	40.8
2003	89.5	61.6	47.5
2004	92.9	68.5	54.6
2005	95.2	74.6	61.9
2006	96.8	80.0	69.1
2007	97.9	84.7	75.6
2008	98.6	88.7	81.1
2009	99.1	91.9	85.3
2010		94.3	89.7
2011		96.0	92.8
2012		97.3	94.9
2013		98.4	96.5
2014		99.1	98.2
2015		99.5	99.2

Note: Bold indicates actual industry percents at the time TFI projections developed.

Comparison of TFI Faorecast of Feeder Circuits on Fiber Cable



TRACK RECORD

**COMPARISON OF ACTUAL RETIREMENTS AND ADDITIONS
 TO THE 1989 AND 1992 DEPRECIATION STUDY FORECASTS**

Retirements-Aerial Cable Metal

(\$000)

Activity Year	1989	1992	Actuals	Percent Change	Percent	
	Study Forecast	Study Forecast		1989-1992 Study Forecast	Achievement Actuals vs 1992 Study Forecast	
	A	B	C	D = B/A	E = C/B	
Florida	1992	13,800	15,306	23,568	110.9%	154.0%
	1993	23,200	19,917	26,934	85.8%	135.2%
	1994	26,700	25,512	9,343	95.6%	36.6%
	Totals	63,700	60,735	59,845	95.3%	98.5%
Georgia	1992	14,700	15,587	9,102	106.0%	58.4%
	1993	24,800	19,769	11,271	79.7%	57.0%
	1994	28,500	24,768	13,302	86.9%	53.7%
	Totals	68,000	60,124	33,675	88.4%	56.0%
N. Carolina	1992	6,100	10,492	5,389	172.0%	51.4%
	1993	10,200	13,707	5,727	134.4%	41.8%
	1994	11,700	17,553	5,847	150.0%	33.3%
	Totals	28,000	41,752	16,963	149.1%	40.6%
S. Carolina	1992	4,100	3,541	2,940	86.4%	83.0%
	1993	6,900	4,392	2,923	63.7%	66.6%
	1994	7,900	5,405	2,526	68.4%	46.7%
	Totals	18,900	13,338	8,389	70.6%	62.9%
Company	1992	38,700	44,926	40,999	116.1%	91.3%
	1993	65,100	57,785	46,855	88.8%	81.1%
	1994	74,800	73,238	31,018	97.9%	42.4%
	Totals	178,600	175,949	118,872	98.5%	67.6%

TRACK RECORD (cont'd)

Retirements-Underground Cable Metal

		(\$000)			Percent	
Activity	1989	1992		Percent Change	Percent	
Year	Study	Study	Actuals	1989-1992	Achievement	
	Forecast	Forecast		Study Forecast	Actuals vs 1992	
	A	B	C	D = B/A	E = C/B	
Florida	1992	11,300	43,211	10,404	382.4%	24.1%
	1993	19,000	53,215	19,402	280.1%	36.5%
	1994	21,800	63,915	14,845	293.2%	23.2%
	Totals	52,100	160,341	44,651	307.8%	27.8%
Georgia	1992	5,400	23,058	3,609	427.0%	15.7%
	1993	9,000	28,672	4,901	318.6%	17.1%
	1994	10,400	34,748	13,313	334.1%	38.3%
	Totals	24,800	86,478	21,823	348.7%	25.2%
N. Carolina	1992	1,300	8,807	3,075	677.5%	34.9%
	1993	2,200	11,600	4,610	527.3%	39.7%
	1994	2,500	14,818	3,859	592.7%	26.0%
	Totals	6,000	35,225	11,544	587.1%	32.8%
S. Carolina	1992	1,600	6,915	3,449	432.2%	49.9%
	1993	2,600	8,802	1,375	338.5%	15.6%
	1994	3,000	10,906	1,470	363.5%	13.5%
	Totals	7,200	26,623	6,294	369.8%	23.6%
Company	1992	19,600	81,991	20,537	418.3%	25.0%
	1993	32,800	102,289	30,288	311.9%	29.6%
	1994	37,700	124,387	33,487	329.9%	26.9%
	Totals	90,100	308,667	84,312	342.6%	27.3%

TRACK RECORD (cont'd)

Retirements-Buried Cable Metal

(\$000)						
Activity Year	1989	1992	Actuals	Percent Change	Percent	
	Study Forecast	Study Forecast		1989-1992	Achievement	
	A	B	C	D = B/A	E = C/B	
Florida	1992	35,100	58,236	23,142	165.9%	39.7%
	1993	59,000	76,137	22,283	129.0%	29.3%
	1994	67,800	97,482	23,506	143.8%	24.1%
	Totals	161,900	231,855	68,931	143.2%	29.7%
Georgia	1992	20,600	34,487	17,170	167.4%	49.8%
	1993	34,700	44,774	17,101	129.0%	38.2%
	1994	39,900	56,878	20,802	142.6%	36.6%
	Totals	95,200	136,139	55,073	143.0%	40.5%
N. Carolina	1992	16,800	22,987	11,061	136.8%	48.1%
	1993	28,300	29,710	10,344	105.0%	34.8%
	1994	32,500	37,674	13,343	115.9%	35.4%
	Totals	77,600	90,371	34,748	116.5%	38.5%
S. Carolina	1992	8,400	16,867	9,247	200.8%	54.8%
	1993	14,100	19,942	7,793	141.4%	39.1%
	1994	16,200	23,458	7,261	144.8%	31.0%
	Totals	38,700	60,267	24,301	155.7%	40.3%
Company	1992	80,900	132,577	60,620	163.9%	45.7%
	1993	136,100	170,563	57,521	125.3%	33.7%
	1994	156,400	215,492	64,912	137.8%	30.1%
	Totals	373,400	518,632	183,053	138.9%	35.3%

COMPARISON OF BELL SOUTH'S METALLIC CABLE FORECAST TO ACTUAL RETIREMENTS

(BellSouth-Florida)

	BellSouth Florida Retirement Forecast ** (\$000) (a)	Total Actual Booked Retirements * (\$000) (b)	Retirements Associated With Hurricane Andrew (\$000) (c)	Normal Retirements Excluding Andrew (\$000) (d=b-c)	Forecast Error *** (%) (e=(a-d)/a)
Aerial Cable - Metallic					
1992	15,306	23,228	2,577	20,651	-34.9%
1993	19,917	26,934	14,602	12,332	38.1%
1994	25,512	9,343	0	9,343	63.4%
1995	31,214	12,840	0	12,840	58.9%
1996	35,722	8,995	0	8,995	74.8%
1997	37,788	5,541	0	5,541	85.3%
1998	36,881	5,678	0	5,678	84.6%
1999	36,253	6,205	0	6,205	82.9%
Totals for Years 1992-1999	238,593	98,764	17,179	81,585	65.8%

Docket No. 920385-TL Authorized Lives Based on Bell South Forecast (Aerial Cable - Metallic)

Authorized Remaining Life	9.7 Years
Associated Projection Life	15.5 Years

Underground Cable- Metallic

1992	43,211	10,495	39	10,456	75.8%
1993	53,215	19,402	221	19,181	64.0%
1994	63,915	14,845	0	14,845	76.8%
1995	74,534	11,837	0	11,837	84.1%
1996	81,990	6,178	0	6,178	92.5%
1997	82,709	3,128	0	3,128	96.2%
1998	75,297	1,058	0	1,058	98.6%
1999	64,210	2,685	0	2,685	95.8%
Totals for Years 1992-1999	539,081	69,628	260	69,368	87.1%

Docket No. 920385-TL Authorized Lives Based on Bell South Forecast (Underground Cable - Metallic)

Authorized Remaining Life	6.0 Years
Associated Projection Life	11.6 Years

Buried Cable - Metallic

1992	58,236	22,881	783	22,098	62.1%
1993	76,137	22,283	4,438	17,845	76.6%
1994	97,482	23,506	0	23,506	75.9%
1995	119,162	20,135	0	20,135	83.1%
1996	135,835	21,445	0	21,445	84.2%
1997	142,227	12,382	0	12,382	91.3%
1998	136,155	7,803	0	7,803	94.3%
1999	128,314	14,786	0	14,786	88.5%
Totals for Years 1992-1999	893,548	145,221	5,221	140,000	84.3%

Docket No. 920385-TL Authorized Lives Based on Bell South Forecast (Buried Cable - Metallic)

Authorized Remaining Life	9.0 Years
Associated Projection Life	15.0 Years

Total Metallic Cable	\$1,671,222	\$313,613	\$22,660	\$290,953	82.6%
Combined Forecast Error (1992-1997)				(\$1,380,269)	

* Cunningham Exhibit GDC-2, Table A's .

** FPSC Docket No. 920385-TL. These forecasts were the basis for the FPSC's depreciation rate prescriptions for these accounts.

*** Positive value indicates BellSouth's forecast included more retirements in life projections than actually occurred.

Florida Projection Life Comparison
Recommended Inputs - Bell South

	Account Number	Account Name	FCC Range		BS	BS	BS	SK
			Low (a)	High (b)	FCC (c)	FPSC (d)	PROP (e)	PROP (f)
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	7.5	9.5	7.5	7.5	8.0	7.5
2	2114	Spec. Purp. Vehicles	12.0	18.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
3	2115	Garage Work Eqpt	12.0	18.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
4	2116	Other Work Eqpt	12.0	18.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
5	2121	Buildings	-	-	48.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
6	2122	Furniture	15.0	20.0	11.0	11.0	15.0	11.0
7	2123.1	Ofc. Support Eqpt	10.0	15.0	10.5	10.5	11.5	10.5
8	2123.2	Co. Comm. Eqpt	7.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
9	2124	Gen. Purpose Computers	6.0	8.0	5.5	4.4	4.5	4.4
10	2211	Analog Switching	-	-	1998.8	4.2	2001.6	2001.6
11	2212	Digital Switching	12.0	18.0	16.0	16.0	10.0	16.0
12	2220	Operator Systems	8.0	12.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
13	2231	Radio Systems	9.0	15.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	7.0
14	2232.11	DDS Circuit	7.0	11.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	6.0
15	2232.12	Digital Circuit	11.0	13.0	10.5	10.5	9.0	10.5
16	2232.20	Analog Circuit	8.0	11.0	7.0	6.8	7.5	6.8
17	2311	Station Apparatus	5.0	8.0	8.0	-	6.0	8.0
18	2341	Large PBX	5.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0
19	2351	Public Telephones	7.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	-	7.0
20	2362	Other Terminal Equip.	5.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
21	2411	Poles	25.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	36.0	35.0
22	2421.1	Aerial Cable - Met	20.0	26.0	18.0	18.0	15.0	18.0
23	2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	25.0
24	2422.1	Underground Cable - Met	25.0	30.0	23.0	23.0	14.0	23.0
25	2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	25.0
26	2423.1	Buried Cable - Met	20.0	26.0	18.0	18.0	15.0	18.0
27	2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	25.0
28	2424.1	Submarine Cable - Met	25.0	30.0	18.0	18.0	15.0	18.0
29	2424.2	Submarine Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	18.0	20.0	15.0	20.0
30	2426.1	Intrabldg Cable - Met	20.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
31	2426.2	Intrabldg Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
32	2441	Conduit Systems	50.0	60.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0

Source: Col a, b = FCC Docket No. 92-296 Orders released 6/28/94 and 5/4/95
 and Docket No. 98-137 Order released 12/30/99.
 Col c = FCC Parameter Report, July 20, 1995
 Col d = Florida Dkt. Nos. 960833-TP/960846-TP/971140 TP Order.
 Col e = Cunningham Exhibit GDC-2.

**Florida Future Net Salvage Comparison
 Recommended Inputs - Bell South**

	Account Number	Account Name	FCC Range		BS	BS	BS	SK
			Low (a)	High (b)	FCC (c)	FPSC (d)	PROP (e)	PROP (f)
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	10.0	20.0	10.0	10.0	16.0	16.0
2	2114	Spec. Purp. Vehicles	0.0	10.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	2115	Garage Work Eqpt	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	2116	Other Work Eqpt	0.0	10.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
5	2121	Buildings	-	-	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
6	2122	Furniture	0.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	10.0	10.0
7	2123.1	Ofc. Support Eqpt	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0
8	2123.2	Co. Comm. Eqpt	-5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
9	2124	Gen. Purpose Computers	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
10	2211	Analog Switching	-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	2212	Digital Switching	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	2220	Operator Systems	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
13	2231	Radio Systems	-5.0	5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
14	2232.11	DDS Circuit	-5.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0
15	2232.12	Digital Circuit	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	2232.20	Analog Circuit	-5.0	0.0	-10.0	-10.0	0.0	0.0
17	2311	Station Apparatus	-5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	2341	Large PBX	-5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0
19	2351	Public Telephones	0.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	-	10.0
20	2362	Other Terminal Equip.	-5.0	5.0	-4.0	-4.0	5.0	5.0
21	2411	Poles	-75.0	-50.0	-75.0	-75.0	-55.0	-55.0
22	2421.1	Aerial Cable - Met	-35.0	-10.0	-11.0	-11.0	-14.0	-14.0
23	2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	-25.0	-10.0	-11.0	-11.0	-14.0	-14.0
24	2422.1	Underground Cable - Met	-30.0	-5.0	-7.0	-7.0	-8.0	-8.0
25	2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	-20.0	-5.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0	-8.0
26	2423.1	Buried Cable - Met	-10.0	0.0	-8.0	-8.0	-7.0	-7.0
27	2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	-10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.0	-7.0
28	2424.1	Submarine Cable - Met	-5.0	0.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
29	2424.2	Submarine Cable - Fiber	-5.0	0.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0	-5.0
30	2426.1	Intrabldg Cable - Met	-30.0	-5.0	-12.0	-12.0	-10.0	-10.0
31	2426.2	Intrabldg Cable - Fiber	-15.0	0.0	-12.0	-12.0	-10.0	-10.0
32	2441	Conduit Systems	-10.0	0.0	-7.0	-7.0	-10.0	-10.0

Source: Col a, b = FCC Docket No. 92-296 Orders released 6/28/94 and 5/4/95
 Col c = FCC Parameter Report, July 20, 1995
 Col d = Florida Dkt. Nos. 960833-TP/960846-TP/971140 TP Order.
 Col e = Cunningham Exhibit GDC-2.

Florida Projection Life Comparison
Recommended Inputs - GTE

	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>FCC Range</u>		<u>GTE FCC</u>	<u>GTE FPSC</u>	<u>GTE PROP</u>	<u>SK PROP</u>
			<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>(c)</u>	<u>(d)</u>	<u>(e)</u>	<u>(f)</u>
			(a)	(b)				
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	7.5	9.5	7.5		8.0	7.5
2	2113	Aircraft	7.0	10.0	-		5.0	-
3	2114	Spec. Purp. Vehicles	12.0	18.0	-		10.0	-
4	2116	Other Work Eqpt	12.0	18.0	12.0		10.0	12.0
5	2121	Buildings	-	-	40.0		35.0	40.0
6	2122	Furniture	15.0	20.0	15.0		10.0	15.0
7	2123.1	Ofc. Support Eqpt	10.0	15.0	10.0		10.0	10.0
8	2123.2	Co. Comm. Eqpt	7.0	10.0	7.0		10.0	7.0
9	2124	Gen. Purpose Computers	6.0	8.0	6.0		5.0	6.0
10	2211	Analog Switching	-	-	-		-	-
11	2212	Digital Switching	12.0	18.0	16.0		10.0	16.0
12	2220	Operator Systems	8.0	12.0	8.0		10.0	8.0
13	2231	Radio Systems	9.0	15.0	9.0		10.0	9.0
14	2232.11	DDS Circuit	7.0	11.0	9.0		8.0	9.0
15	2232.12	Digital Circuit	11.0	13.0	9.0		8.0	9.0
16	2232.20	Analog Circuit	8.0	11.0	9.0		8.0	9.0
17	2311	Station Apparatus	5.0	8.0	-		-	-
18	2341	Large PBX	5.0	8.0	-		-	-
19	2351	Public Telephones	7.0	13.0	7.0		-	7.0
20	2362	Other Terminal Equip.	5.0	8.0	5.0		5.0	5.0
21	2411	Poles	25.0	35.0	25.0		25.0	25.0
22	2421.1	Aerial Cable - Met	20.0	26.0	20.0		15.0	20.0
23	2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0		20.0	25.0
24	2422.1	Underground Cable - Met	25.0	30.0	25.0		15.0	25.0
25	2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0		20.0	25.0
26	2423.1	Buried Cable - Met	20.0	26.0	20.0		15.0	20.0
27	2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0		20.0	25.0
28	2424.1	Submarine Cable - Met	25.0	30.0	20.0		15.0	20.0
29	2424.2	Submarine Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	25.0		20.0	25.0
30	2425.1	Deep Sea Cable - Met	-	-	-		15.0	-
31	2425.2	Deep Sea Cable - Fiber	-	-	-		20.0	-
32	2426.1	Intrabldg Cable - Met	20.0	25.0	20.0		15.0	20.0
33	2426.2	Intrabldg Cable - Fiber	25.0	30.0	20.0		20.0	20.0
34	2431	Aerial Wire	-	-	8.0		15.0	8.0
32	2441	Conduit Systems	50.0	60.0	50.0		40.0	50.0

Source: Col a, b = FCC Docket No. 92-296 Orders released 6/28/94 and 5/4/95.
 and Docket No. 98-137 Order released 12/30/99.
 Col c = FCC Parameter Report, August 11, 1995.
 Col d = FPSC values not available.
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	Account Number	Account Name	FCC Range		GTE FCC (c)	GTE FPSC (d)	GTE PROP (e)	SK PROP (f)
			Low (a)	High (b)				
1	2112	Motor Vehicles	10.0	20.0	18.0		16.0	18.0
2	2113	Aircraft	7.0	10.0	-		50.0	-
3	2114	Spec. Purp. Vehicles	0.0	10.0	-		0.0	-
4	2116	Other Work Eqpt	0.0	10.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
5	2121	Buildings	-	-	0.0		0.0	0.0
6	2122	Furniture	0.0	10.0	9.0		0.0	9.0
7	2123.1	Ofc. Support Eqpt	0.0	10.0	8.0		0.0	8.0
8	2123.2	Co. Comm. Eqpt	-5.0	10.0	-5.0		0.0	-5.0
9	2124	Gen. Purpose Computers	0.0	5.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
10	2211	Analog Switching	-	-	-		-	-
11	2212	Digital Switching	0.0	5.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
12	2220	Operator Systems	0.0	5.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
13	2231	Radio Systems	-5.0	5.0	-5.0		0.0	-5.0
14	2232.11	DDS Circuit	-5.0	10.0	3.0		0.0	3.0
15	2232.12	Digital Circuit	0.0	5.0	3.0		0.0	3.0
16	2232.20	Analog Circuit	-5.0	0.0	3.0		0.0	3.0
17	2311	Station Apparatus	-5.0	5.0	-		-	-
18	2341	Large PBX	-5.0	5.0	-		-	-
19	2351	Public Telephones	0.0	10.0	0.0		-	0.0
20	2362	Other Terminal Equip.	-5.0	5.0	-5.0		0.0	-5.0
21	2411	Poles	-75.0	-50.0	-75.0		-75.0	-75.0
22	2421.1	Aerial Cable - Met	-35.0	-10.0	-35.0		-30.0	-35.0
23	2421.2	Aerial Cable - Fiber	-25.0	-10.0	-25.0		-20.0	-25.0
24	2422.1	Underground Cable - Met	-30.0	-5.0	-17.0		-20.0	-17.0
25	2422.2	Underground Cable - Fiber	-20.0	-5.0	-9.0		-10.0	-9.0
26	2423.1	Buried Cable - Met	-10.0	0.0	-10.0		0.0	-10.0
27	2423.2	Buried Cable - Fiber	-10.0	0.0	-10.0		0.0	-10.0
28	2424.1	Submarine Cable - Met	-5.0	0.0	-5.0		-10.0	-5.0
29	2424.2	Submarine Cable - Fiber	-5.0	0.0	-5.0		-10.0	-5.0
30	2425.1	Deep Sea Cable - Met	-	-	-		-10.0	-
31	2425.2	Deep Sea Cable - Fiber	-	-	-		-10.0	-
32	2426.1	Intrabldg Cable - Met	-30.0	-5.0	-10.0		0.0	-10.0
33	2426.2	Intrabldg Cable - Fiber	-15.0	0.0	-10.0		0.0	-10.0
34	2431	Aerial Wire	-	-	-7.0		-30.0	-7.0
32	2441	Conduit Systems	-10.0	0.0	-10.0		-10.0	-10.0

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