BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for arbitration of resale agreement with Atlantic Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 992018-TP ORDER NO. PSC-00-2065-FOF-TP ISSUED: October 30, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR. LILA A. JABER

ORDER APPROVING RESALE AGREEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

Atlantic Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (Atlantic) is certificated by the Florida Public Service Commission as an alternative telecommunications company (ALEC), and resells telecommunications services provided by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth).

On February 9, 1998, we approved a BellSouth/Atlantic Resale Agreement which expired on September 16, 1999. The parties agreed to continue service pursuant to the expired agreement until a successor agreement was adopted. On December 23, 1999, however, BellSouth filed a Petition for Arbitration of Resale Agreement with Atlantic. The petition consisted of two issues; however, the parties subsequently reached agreement on one issue.

At the scheduled prehearing conference, held April 7, 2000, Atlantic failed to appear. Therefore, in accordance with Order No. PSC-00-0391-PCO-TP, the Order Establishing Procedure for this case, Atlantic waived all positions and issues raised in its prehearing statement.

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An administrative hearing was held on April 19, 2000. However, in accordance with the Prehearing Order, Atlantic's testimony and exhibits were not allowed to be entered into the record; therefore, the only evidence entered into the record was the prefiled direct testimony submitted by BellSouth. Moreover, Atlantic did not appear for the hearing.

At the June 29, 2000 Agenda Conference, we directed Atlantic and BellSouth to submit a signed final arbitrated agreement in accordance with Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, within 30 days of the issuance of our Order. Commission Order PSC-00-1351-FOF-TP was issued on July 26, 2000, and the parties filed their agreement on August 18, 2000.

We have reviewed the agreement and find that it incorporates our decisions contained in Order No. PSC-00-1351-FOF-TP. Furthermore, the agreement meets the standards set forth in Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; therefore, we approve this agreement.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Resale Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Atlantic Telecommunications Systems, Inc. is incorporated by reference to this Order, and is hereby approved. A copy of the agreement may be obtained by contacting the Division of Records and Reporting. It is further

ORDERED that any supplements or modifications to this agreement must be filed with the Commission for review under the provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>30th</u> Day of <u>October</u>, <u>2000</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request judicial review in Federal district court pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(6).