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DATE: August 9, 2005
TO: Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director
FROM: Robert J. Casey, Regulatory Analyst Supervisor, Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement *CRB*
RE: Docket No. 050179-TL - BellSouth Boundary Realignment Petition

Please place the attached August 3, 2005, letter from Mr. Stan Greer of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in the above docket file. Thank You.

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cc: Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement (Salak, Bulecza-Banks, Moses, Brown, Mann, Wright)
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Re: Docket No. 050179-TL

Dear Mr. Casey:

As you are aware, BellSouth indicated at the St. Johns customer meetings that it would investigate a solution to address the issue raised by a business customer about how BellSouth proposed to handle facsimile lines (fax). Specifically, the customer asked how BellSouth would provide a parallel to the reference of calls it was proposing to provide to voice lines.

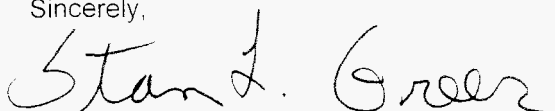
After the meetings, BellSouth has discussed possible solutions to the fax issue and proposes to use its AIN functionality to allow customers to continue to receive faxes for the 2-year transition period. Although the solution was developed to address the fax line issue, BellSouth proposes to use this functionality to continue to allow all customers to continue to receive calls to their old telephone numbers.

Essentially, an AIN trigger will be placed on the customers' old telephone number in the switch that originally served the customer. The AIN trigger will be assigned in the routing translations, not on the actual line. Therefore, the line can be disconnected via a normal Service Order. When the old number is called, a query will be launched to our Service Control Point Network Element (SCP). The SCP will do a database look up of the number that was called. It will then send a forward call response back to the switch. This forward call response will have the Called party of the new number for that customer. The call will then terminate to the customers new telephone number. There will be no additional call delays due to this query and Answer Supervision will not be returned until the customer goes "off hook" at the new telephone number.

In addition to allowing the customers to continue receiving calls to their old telephone numbers, the use of the AIN trigger will allow BellSouth the ability to have some flexibility as to the scheduling of the proposed cutover dates. At the end of the 2-year period, BellSouth will convert the customers to the St. Johns calling scope and rates. Customers will be provided 2 additional notices to remind them that they need to complete conversion from their old telephone numbers.

If you have any questions, concerning the proposal listed above please call me at 577-5552.

Sincerely,



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