BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into pricing of unbundled network elements.

DOCKET NO. 990649-TP ORDER NO. PSC-00-1278-PCO-TP ISSUED: July 14, 2000

ORDER REQUIRING EXPEDITED RESPONSES TO MOTION TO COMPEL

In response to the Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission Action to Support Local Competition in BellSouth's Service Territory, filed December 10, 1998, in Docket No. 981834-TP, this docket has been opened to address the deaveraged pricing of UNEs, as well as the pricing of UNE combinations and nonrecurring charges.

By Order No. PSC-99-1397-PCO-TP, issued July 20, 1999, the procedures for this docket were established and the controlling dates set. A Second Revised Order on Procedure, Order No. PSC-00-0540-PCO-TP, was issued on March 16, 2000, which set forth new filing dates and also the newly refined issues to be addressed in this proceeding. By Order No. PSC-00-2015-PCO-TP, issued June 8, 2000, the filing dates were extended and the procedure for this case was further modified. Pursuant to these Orders, Phase I is currently set for hearing July 17-19, 2000, and Phase II is set for hearing September 19-22, 2000.

On July 11, 2000, BellSouth filed an Emergency Motion to Compel. Therein, BellSouth asks that AT&T, Intermedia, KMC I, II, and III, MCI WorldCom, and Time Warner be required to respond to interrogatories and requests for production of documents served by BellSouth in June, 2000. BellSouth explains that the discovery requests seek information regarding the economic lives or useful lives used by these ALECs for depreciation purposes. BellSouth contends that this information is relevant to the issue of depreciation lives to be addressed in Phase I of this proceeding. BellSouth adds that the ALECs have, to date, objected to these discovery requests and have contended that these requests are unduly burdensome and irrelevant. In view of the approaching hearing, BellSouth asks that an emergency order be issued compelling these ALECs to respond to BellSouth's discovery requests.

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BellSouth has indicated that it served its Motion to Compel electronically on counsel for these ALECs. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, parties may have 7 days to respond to a motion "[w]hen time allows." In this case, time does not appear to allow for a full 7-day response period, because this hearing is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 17, 2000. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 28-106.211, Florida Administrative Code, responses, if any, shall be due on July 17, 2000, at the start of the Phase I hearing in this case. The Motion to Compel will be addressed at the hearing by the panel assigned to this case.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED by E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., as Prehearing Officer, that responses to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Emergency Motion to Compel shall be due no later than the beginning of the Phase I hearing in this case on July 17, 2000.

By ORDER of Commissioner E. Leon Jacobs, Jr. as Prehearing Officer, this $\underline{14th}$ Day of \underline{July} , $\underline{2000}$.

E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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Attached is an <u>ORDER REQUIRING EXPEDITED RESPONSES TO MOTION</u>
<u>TO COMPEL</u> to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 3) **PLEASE ISSUE VIA FACSIMILE**.

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