

Docket No. 6863-U

In Re: Consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into InterLata Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 7253-U

In Re: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions under Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 8354-U

In Re: Investigation into Development of Electronic Interfaces for BellSouth Operational Support Systems

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 1, 2001, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") voted to adopt a Procedural and Scheduling Order ("Scheduling Order") to initiate a review of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") compliance with section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Federal Act"). Pursuant to the Scheduling Order approved by the Commission, initial comments from interested parties were due to be filed with the Commission on June 30, 2001; and reply comments were due on July 16, 2001. In response to the Commission's directive, BellSouth and Competing Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) submitted exhaustive comments.

After conducting an extensive review of the comments filed and the review standards established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Commission finds that BellSouth has met the competitive checklist set forth in section 271 of the Act. The Commission bases its finding on the totality of the evidence submitted by the parties. Since the passage of the State Telecommunication and Competition Development Act of 1995 and the Federal Act,

the Commission has conducted numerous critically important proceedings concerning BellSouth's section 271 compliance open to participation by all interested parties. For example, the Commission has provided for third-party testing of BellSouth's operations support systems (OSS) offerings. In addition, the Commission has adopted a broad range of performance measures and standards and initiated a Performance Assurance Plan designed to create a financial incentive for both, pre-entry and post-entry compliance with section 271.

As a result of the Commission's directives, BellSouth has undertaken the necessary steps to open its local exchange market to competition in Georgia. The FCC has repeatedly stated in its previous Orders that the most probative evidence to demonstrate that local markets are irreversibly open is commercial usage. As of July 2001, CLECs served over 815,000 local lines in BellSouth's Georgia service area. This total includes over 715,000 facilities-based access lines. BellSouth is providing more than 261,000 interconnection trunks and 700 collocation nodes to CLECs. In addition BellSouth is providing more than 228,000 unbundled local loops, including more than 84,000 stand-alone unbundled local loops and more than 144,000 unbundled loops provided as part of an unbundled network element platform (UNE-P).

The resale market in Georgia is also active. BellSouth provides more than 100,000 resold local exchange lines, including 27,000 business lines and 73,000 residential lines. These results provide further evidence that BellSouth has made extensive efforts to open its local markets in compliance with the requirements of the Act.

The Commission finds that BellSouth has met Track A and the 14-point checklist items as prescribed by section 271 of the Federal Act. As part of Docket No. 7253-U, the Commission also approves BellSouth's Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT"). In the context of Docket No. 8354-U, the Commission adopts the Third-Party Test Final Report findings.

While the totality of the evidence supports a finding that BellSouth has met the requirements under section 271 of the Federal Act, the written comments and evidence submitted raised issues that warranted consideration. The Commission's finding that BellSouth has met the requirements does not mean that providing the proper incentives for continued improvements in BellSouth's performance is no longer a goal of this Commission. With that in mind, the Commission directs BellSouth to implement by January 5, 2002, a "C" order by which N and D orders complete together in sequence to prevent loss of dial tone. Further, the Commission orders BellSouth to implement by November 3, 2001, migration by Telephone Number and name. The Commission also orders BellSouth to implement fully fielded parsed CSRs by January 5, 2002. The Commission directs that BellSouth implement by January 5, 2002, electronic ordering for line splitting. Finally, the Commission orders that BellSouth increase the reject correction time limit from ten days to thirty days by November 3, 2001. For the OSS upgrades listed above, the Commission will assess penalties of \$10,000 per day for every day beyond the deadline in the implementation schedule that BellSouth has not complied with the ordered improvement.

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission finds that BellSouth has met Track A and the 14-point checklist items as prescribed by section 271 of the Federal Act.

ORDERED FURTHER, BellSouth's SGAT is hereby approved by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Third-Party Test Final Report findings are hereby adopted by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that BellSouth shall implement by January 5, 2002, a "C" order by which N and D orders complete together in sequence to prevent loss of dial tone.

ORDERED FURTHER, that BellSouth shall implement by November 3, 2001, migration by Telephone Number and name.

ORDERED FURTHER, that BellSouth shall implement fully fielded parsed CSRs by January 5, 2002.

ORDERED FURTHER, that BellSouth shall implement by January 5, 2002, electronic ordering for line splitting.

ORDERED FURTHER, that BellSouth shall increase the reject correction time limit from ten days to thirty days by November 3, 2001.

ORDERED FURTHER, that for the OSS upgrades listed above, the Commission will assess penalties on BellSouth of \$10,000 per day for every day beyond the deadline in the implementation schedule that BellSouth has not complied with the ordered improvement.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, or oral argument or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on October 2, 2001.

Reece McAlister
Executive Secretary

Lauren McDonald, Jr.
Chairman

Date

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