

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

98-AD-459 IN RE: ORDER TO ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SHOW CAUSE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE ORDERED
COMMISSION TO CEASE AND DESIST PROVIDING
CERTAIN BILLING SERVICES

AMENDED ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and directs all telecommunications service providers ("TSPs") (as defined in the Commission's Service Rule 47.1 issued June 11, 1998) certificated by this Commission to show cause why they should not be ordered to cease and desist from performing any billing services for any TSP that does not have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") issued by this Commission. In support of this Order, the Commission finds as follows:

1. On June 11, 1998, the Commission entered an Order in 98-AD-90 adopting Rule 47.1 of the Mississippi Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utilities Service. This rule was adopted in response to the large number of complaints received by the Commission regarding the practice of "slamming" and has uniform application throughout Mississippi.
2. On July 2, 1998, the Commission entered an Order in 98-AD-459 directing BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BST) "to cease and desist from performing any billing services for any TSP doing business in Mississippi, that does not have a CPCN issued by this Commission."
3. It is possible that other companies throughout Mississippi may also be providing billing services for uncertificated TSPs, such that the Commission's Order directed only to BST may not protect all telephone customers in Mississippi.
4. The Commission further finds that it is in the public interest for its rules and orders generally to have uniform application throughout the State.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that a copy of this Order and attached Procedural Schedule shall be provided by the Executive Secretary of this Commission to all TSPs holding CPCNs issued by this Commission directing

those companies to show cause why they should not be ordered to cease and desist from performing any billing services for any TSP doing business in Mississippi that does not hold a CPCN issued by this Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that all provisions of the Commission's prior Order of July 2, 1998, are incorporated herein by reference, except that the provision requiring BST to cease and desist from performing any billing services for any TSP doing business in Mississippi that does not have a CPCN issued by this Commission is suspended pending a final disposition of this matter by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission adopts the attached Procedural Schedule, Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance.

Chairman Bo Robinson voted Aye; Vice-Chairman George Byars voted Aye; Commissioner Nielsen

Cochran voted **Aye**.

SO ORDERED on this the 22nd day of July, 1998.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BO ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

GEORGE BYARS, VICE-CHAIRMAN

NIELSEN COCHRAN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: A True Copy

BRIAN U. RAY

Executive Secretary