

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE)
PROPRIETY OF PROVISION OF)
INTERLATA SERVICES BY) CASE NO. 96-608
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. PURSUANT TO THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

As a convenience to the Commission and the parties, the order of parties for the public hearing should be established. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. will present its case first, and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. will present its case second. May 8 and 9, 1997 will be limited to the witnesses of BellSouth and BellSouth Long Distance, including those witnesses' rebuttal testimony. Intervenors will present their cases beginning no earlier than May 12, 1997.

Sprint Communications Company L.P., American Communication Services, Inc., AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. and MCI Telecommunications Corporation have requested that their witnesses testify on specific dates. The requests are set forth in the letter attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commission will grant these and other reasonable requests to the extent possible.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of May, 1997.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Director


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April 30, 1997

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Re: Case No. 96-608: Order of Witnesses

Dear Mr. Mills:

I believe there is a consensus among the parties with respect to the scheduling of witnesses for the upcoming hearing in Case No. 96-608, which will begin on May 8, 1997. Given the number of parties involved, the travel required, and other responsibilities of the various witnesses, the parties desire to establish an order of witnesses to be presented at the hearing in the hopes of alleviating unnecessary burden, expense, and personal inconvenience on the parties and their witnesses.

In general, the parties agree that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. should present their case first and conclude it prior to commencing with the witnesses of other parties. It is my understanding, as confirmed by the letter of April 29, 1997 of counsel for BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. that the Bell companies would proceed in the following order:

Thurs. May 8 - Friday May 9:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.: Varner
Scheye
Calhoun

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BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.: Taylor
 Raimondi
 Coomes
 Harralson

To eliminate the necessity of IXC witnesses being required to attend the first two days of hearing when it may be unlikely that the Bell company witnesses have been completed, the parties request that the IXC witnesses not be required to be in attendance on May 8 or 9, but that the IXC portion of the case commence Monday, May 12, assuming the Bell company witnesses have been completed. Of course, if the Bell company witnesses carry over from the 9th to the 12th, the IXC witnesses would begin when the Bell witnesses have been completed. If the Bell witnesses have been completed prior to the end of the day on May 9, the parties propose the hearing adjourn at that time, to begin again on May 12.

Among the IXC's, and assuming the Bell company witnesses have been completed, the IXC witnesses would be offered in the following order:

<u>Monday, May 12:</u>	Competitive Tel.Assoc.:	Gillan
	AT&T:	Foster Hamman Bradbury
<u>Tuesday, May 13:</u>	MCI & AT&T:	Wood
	Sprint:	Closz Stahly
	ACSI:	Murphy
<u>Wednesday, May 14:</u>	MCI & AT&T	Kaserman
	MCI:	Martinez

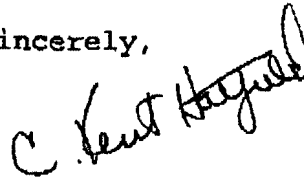
This schedule recognizes that the witnesses scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, have various conflicts and other engagements and need to testify on that day. Similarly, due to his teaching schedule, Dr. Kaserman cannot testify prior to May 14. If necessary to accommodate this schedule, the three in-house witnesses of AT&T scheduled for Monday would agree to testify on Wednesday, May 14 should the Bell company witnesses' testimony run into May 12.

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The parties recognize that contingencies could arise to affect this schedule and that the needs and convenience of the Commission must be met. Nevertheless, the parties request the Commission permit the offering of testimony by the parties in the order as set forth herein.

Sincerely,



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cc - All counsel of record