

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	
d/b/a ELEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	
	)	
COMPLAINANT	)	
	)	CASE NO.
v.	)	2000-518
	)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	)	
	)	
DEFENDANT	)	

STAFF NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

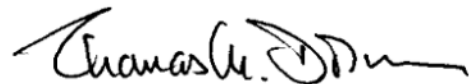
Commission Staff hereby notifies parties to this proceeding that there will be a telephonic informal conference between Commission Staff, Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications, Inc. ("eLEC") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on October 29, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

The purpose of the conference is to continue the discussions that began at the June 18, 2001 conference in which BellSouth's deposit requirement and other billing issues were addressed. At the June 18 conference, eLEC was represented by Nancy Beck, Paul Riss, Patrick Freeman, Kevin Stoltz, Frank Tosi, and Amalia Martinez. BellSouth was represented by the following: Sandra Cetti, Langley Kitchings, Linda Hobbs, Nicole Bracy, David Partington, David Melton, David Scollard, Jim Maziarz, Steve Trucks, Kathy Logan, Dorothy Chambers, and Steve Rausch. The parties agreed that the deposit issue had been resolved with the receipt by BellSouth of a surety bond from eLEC at the agreed upon amount. eLEC contended that there are matters regarding the calculation of future deposits that are still at issue. Moreover, eLEC

indicated during the June 18, 2001 call that the issues which remain unresolved in this complaint affect the entire relation between itself and BellSouth and are not minor procedural issues. BellSouth, on the other hand, contended that many of the issues remaining are procedural matters that designated staff should be addressing. Both parties indicated that there is an issue regarding the conversion of payphones from a resale to a UNE basis. As of the time of the conference in June, there were 700 lines that need to be converted.

The parties did exchange by e-mail a list of staff responsible for given areas that need further discussion.

Thus, the Commission Staff hereby establishes this October 29, 2001 telephonic informal conference to continue discussions between parties. The parties should notify Commission Staff by e-mail of the conference bridge telephone number prior to the conference. Also, by no later than October 25, 2001, the parties should create an agenda of items to be discussed at the conference and e-mail the list to Commission Staff.



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Dated: 10/4/2001

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