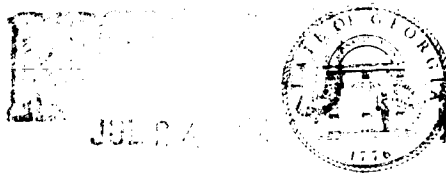


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In Re: Performance Measures for Telecommunications Interconnection,  
Unbundling and Resale

Order Establishing a Procedure for Implementation of Changes to BellSouth's  
Performance Measurement Calculations

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter comes before the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") upon the Emergency Motion filed on June 12, 2002, by the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") to Establish a Procedure for Implementation of Changes to the Performance Measurement Calculations by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). SECCA filed the Emergency Motion in response to BellSouth's May 23, 2002 and June 4, 2002 filings to change the methods of filing its performance measurement results.

In its Motion, SECCA requested that the Commission take the following action:

1. Establish a date and time for an industry call with BellSouth so that all affected CLECs can have the opportunity to ask questions about the changes BellSouth has implemented as outlined in the May 23 and June 4, 2002 filings;
2. Require all parties to provide comments on the impact of the changes outlined in the May 23 and June 4, 2002 filing no later than thirty (30) days after the industry call;
3. Issue an order as to which, if any, changes shall be allowed by this Commission and requiring BellSouth, if necessary, to rescind any changes outlined in the May 23 and June 4 filings that are not specifically approved; and
4. Order BellSouth to provide the Commission and all parties with at least sixty (60) days written notice of any proposed future performance

measurement plan changes so that the procedure, as outlined above in 1-3, can be followed in addition to requiring BellSouth to allow CLECs to participate in change control board meetings regarding SQM and PMAP changes and have access to its metrics change management tracking database.

(Motion pp. 6-7).

On June 19, 2002, BellSouth filed with the Commission a proposed Performance Measurement Analysis Platform ("PMAP") notification process in response to SECCA's Motion. The parties agreed to meet to try to resolve the issue without Commission involvement. BellSouth and the CLECs met on June 26, 2002, to discuss BellSouth's June 19, proposal but ultimately were unable to agree to a procedure. Thus, the Commission will consider BellSouth's proposal.

The first bullet point in BellSouth's proposed PMAP reads as follows:

- On the first business day of the month preceding the data month for which BellSouth proposes to make any change to the method by which performance data is calculated, BellSouth will provide written notice of any such proposed changes (hereinafter referred to as "Proposed Data Changes"). This notice will identify the affected measure(s), describe the proposed change, provide a reason for the proposed change, and outline its impact, if known. At the same time BellSouth will provide written notice of any known changes BellSouth is considering making to the method of calculating performance data for the following data month (hereinafter referred to as "Preliminary Data Changes"). This written notice shall be served electronically on all parties in Docket 7892-U and will be posted on the PMAP website.

The Commission Staff recommended that the Commission adopt the provision on an interim basis with one modification. The Commission Staff recommended that the Commission strike the words "if known" from the end of the second sentence. The Commission finds this modification reasonable and accepts Staff's recommendation.

The second and third bullet points in BellSouth's proposal read as follows:

- No later than four (4) business days after the written notice referenced above has been provided, BellSouth will conduct an industry conference call at which time affected parties as well as the Commission can ask questions about either the Proposed Data Changes or the Preliminary Data Changes. The call will be conducted from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

- No later than ten (10) business days after the industry conference call, affected parties must file written comments with the Commission to the extent they have objections or concerns about the Proposed Data Changes. These comments shall be served electronically on all parties in Docket 7892-U, and BellSouth shall have the opportunity to file a response, if necessary.

The Staff recommended that the Commission adopt these bullet points on an interim basis without modification.

The fourth bullet point in BellSouth's proposal reads as follows:

- The Proposed Data Changes set forth in the written notice referenced above would be presumptively valid and deemed approved by the Commission effective thirty (30) calendar days after that notice, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

The Staff recommended that the Commission approve this language on an interim basis with one modification. In the last sentence of the paragraph, the Staff recommended that the Commission delete the language "the Commission orders otherwise" and replace it with the language "the Commission staff directs BellSouth not to go forward with the changes." The Commission finds the proposed amendment reasonable and adopts the language with Staff's modification.

BellSouth's proposal includes the following additional language:

Using August data as an example (which is the first data month for which BellSouth's proposal could be implemented), on July 1, 2002, BellSouth would provide written notice of any Proposed Data Changes that BellSouth intends to make to the method of calculating August performance data. The notice also would include written notice of any known Preliminary Data Changes that BellSouth is considering making in the calculation of September performance data. An industry call to discuss those changes would be held no later than July 8, 2002, and any comments by affected parties concerning the Proposed Data Changes would have to be filed with the Commission no later than July 22, 2002. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Proposed Data Changes outlined in the July 1 notice would be deemed approved on July 31, 2002 and would be used in calculating August performance data, which BellSouth would post on September 30, 2002.

The Staff recommended that the Commission approve this language on an interim basis with one modification. In the last sentence of the paragraph, the Staff recommended that the Commission delete the language "the Commission orders otherwise" and replace it with the language "the Commission staff directs BellSouth not to go forward with the

changes.” The Commission finds the proposed amendment reasonable and adopts the language with Staff’s modification.

The final paragraph in BellSouth’s proposal reads as follows:

On August 1, 2002, BellSouth would provide written notice of any Proposed Data Changes that BellSouth intends to make to the method of calculating September performance data. The notice also would include written notice of any known Preliminary Data Changes that BellSouth is considering making in the calculation of October performance data. An industry call to discuss these changes would be held no later than August 7, 2002 and any comments by affected parties concerning the Proposed Data Changes would have to be filed no later than August 21, 2002. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Proposed Data Changes outlined in the August 1 notice would be deemed approved on August 31, 2002 and would be used in calculating September performance data, which BellSouth would post on October 31, 2002.

The Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposed language on an interim basis with one modification. In the last sentence, the Staff recommends that the Commission delete the language “the Commission orders otherwise” and replace it with the language “the Commission staff directs BellSouth not to go forward with the changes.” The Commission finds the Staff’s recommended amendment reasonable and approves the language with Staff’s modification.

In addition, BellSouth requested that the Commission clarify that any change BellSouth makes in response to the audit conducted by KPMG Consulting will be deemed automatically approved. The Staff recommended approval of this request. The Commission finds such approval reasonable.

#### **WHEREFORE IT IS**

**ORDERED**, that BellSouth’s proposed PMAP is approved with the modifications stated herein.

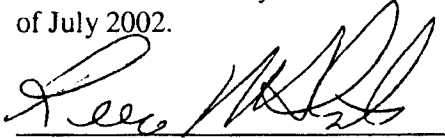
**ORDERED FURTHER**, that except for as expressly stated herein, SECCA’s Motion is denied.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the Commission deem automatically approved any changes BellSouth makes in response to the audit conducted by KPMG Consulting.

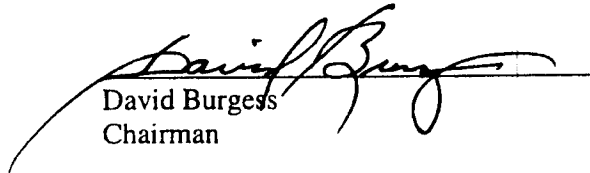
**ORDERED FURTHER**, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, or oral argument or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

**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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2002.



Reece McAlister  
Executive Secretary



David Burgess  
Chairman

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