

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE)	
PROPRIETY OF INTERLATA SERVICES)	
BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)	CASE NO. 2001-105
INC., PURSUANT TO THE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

The Commission Staff hereby requests that the parties appear for an informal conference on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 1:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky.


The purpose of the informal conference is to discuss BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") recent filing of a request for proposal for a management consulting services contract which resulted in a report from Price Waterhouse Coopers; Commission Staff's response to the filing by letter of April 27, 2001; and possible alternative approaches to the information gathering process the Commission has undertaken in order to advise the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") regarding the application to be filed by BellSouth with the FCC pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The Commission Staff has long recognized the value of cooperation among states, especially in the nine-state southeast region, so that information gathered in one state can be shared and utilized by other states. Accordingly, Staff has participated in various regional committee conferences for such purposes during the past several

years. Staff also recognizes, however, the differences in the operational support systems (“OSS”) of the “old Southern Bell states” and the “old South Central Bell states.” Staff wants to verify whether there is any material difference in functionality or performance of the two systems and to determine whether to advise the Commission that it can reasonably adopt the performance measurement testing performed in Georgia and/or Florida, for purposes of issuing an advisory opinion to the FCC regarding BellSouth’s compliance with the FCC’s mandate of nondiscriminatory access to other carriers.

BellSouth should be prepared to discuss alternative approaches to the verification process Staff would consider appropriate, e.g., third-party testing of the Kentucky OSS, on a limited basis, to enable the Commission to accept or reject the Georgia or Florida testing as being sufficient evidence of BellSouth’s performance in Kentucky for the purpose of advising the FCC.

The informal conference will be broadcast live via the Internet, accessible from the Kentucky Public Service Commission’s Website at www.psc.state.ky.us.



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