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- TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)
- FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (CHASE) DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CANZANO)
- RE: DOCKET NO. 950984-TP RESOLUTION OF PETITION(S) TO ESTABLISH NONDISCRIMINATORY RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS FOR RESALE INVOLVING LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES AND ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 364.161, FLORIDA STATUTES
- AGENDA: JUNE 11, 1996 REGULAR AGENDA POST HEARING MOTION -INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\950984C.RCM

## CASE BACKGROUND

By Order No. PSC-96-0444-FOF-TP, issued on March 29, 1996, the Commission required BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. (MFS-FL) to develop a proposal for sub-loop unbundling and for BellSouth to file cost studies for loops and ports requested by MFS-FL within 60 days of the issuance of the order.

On May 9, 1996 BellSouth and MFS-FL filed a joint motion to extend the response time pursuant to Rule 25-22.037, Florida Administrative Code. The following recommendation addresses the joint motion.

## DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

**ISSUE 1**: Should BellSouth's and MFS-FL's joint motion to extend the response time for certain portions of Order No. PSC-96-0444-FOF-TP be granted?

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: Yes. The Commission should grant BellSouth's and MFS-FL's joint motion to extend the response time for certain **DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE** 

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portions of Order No. PSC-96-0444-FOF-TP. The time frame for filing the sub-loop unbundling proposal and the BellSouth cost study for the 4-wire analog port should be extended by 30 days, to June 28, 1996.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** On May 9, 1996 BellSouth and MFS-FL filed a joint motion for extension of response time. By Order No. PSC-96-0444-FOF-TP (the Order), issued March 29, 1996, the Commission required BellSouth and MFS-FL to develop a proposal for sub-loop unbundling. In addition, BellSouth was to file cost studies for several of the ports and loops requested by MFS-FL. Both were to be completed and filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance of the order.

BellSouth states in the motion that it has met with MFS-FL on several occasions to discuss sub-loop unbundling; however, it does not appear that a resolution will be available in the time frame required by the Order. Therefore, BellSouth and MFS-FL request an additional 30 days in which to complete the development of a plan for sub-loop unbundling.

The Order also requires BellSouth to file cost studies for certain loops and ports requested by MFS-FL. BellSouth states that it will be able to complete these cost studies within the time frame required by the Order, with the exception of the study for the 4-wire analog port. Therefore, BellSouth and MFS-FL request an additional 30 days in which to complete the cost study for the 4wire analog port.

No other party to this proceeding has filed any responses to this joint motion. Staff believes that the requested 30 day extension should be granted for the sub-loop unbundling because BellSouth and MFS-FL appear to be working cooperatively on the subloop unbundling proposal. In addition, staff recommends that BellSouth's request for a 30 day extension to file its cost study for the 4-wire analog port should also be granted. Staff believes it is important to have a complete and meaningful cost study to Therefore, granting the additional time would be a. Staff recommends that the Commission grant review. appropriate. BellSouth's and MFS-FL's joint motion to extend the response time for certain portions of Order No. PSC-96-0444-FOF-TP. The time frame for filing the sub-loop unbundling proposal and the BellSouth cost study for the 4-wire analog port should be extended by 30 days, to June 28, 1996.

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**ISSUE 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: No. This docket should remain open to address additional information to be filed by United/Centel and GTEFL in their portion of the docket. In addition, this docket should remain open to address any other requests for unbundling or resale.

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