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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

4		DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS
5		OF SANDRA SEAY
6		ON BEHALF OF MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA
7		DOCKET NOS. 930330-TP & 960658-TL
8	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
9	A.	My name is Sandra Seay. My business address is 780 Johnson Ferry
10		Road, Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30342.
11	Q.	BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED, AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?
12	A.	I am employed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") as a
13		Regional Support Manager, in the Southeastern Region, Law and Public
14		Policy group.
15	Q.	FOR WHOM ARE YOU TESTIFYING IN THIS PROCEEDING?
16	A.	I am testifying on behalf of MCI, AT&T Communications of the Southern
17		States, Inc. ("AT&T") and the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association
18		("FIXCA"), of which MCI is a member.
19	۵.	PLEASE OUTLINE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND RELATED
20		EXPERIENCE.
21	A.	I received a B.A. degree in psychology from Kent State University in
22		1986. I joined MCI in 1988 as an entry level In-Bound Customer Service
23		Representative. My major responsibilities were to answer calls from
24		existing MCI residential customers, as well as potential customers.

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When I started in this customer service position, the telecommunications industry was still in the process of converting to equal access for interLATA competition. The majority of the calls handled in my service center were from residential customers working their way through interLATA competition for the first time. This exposed me to the types of questions and concerns on the minds of customers in an environment in which they are presented with a choice of carriers.

I was promoted to supervisor of a team of twelve to sixteen inbound customer service representatives in 1989. In this position, the experience of providing guidance and coaching for my team allowed me to expand upon the training and experience I obtained as a representative. In order to minimize customer confusion and accompanying dissatisfaction, MCI's customer service representatives undergo continual monitoring and training to ensure that they supply accurate information to customers.

In 1991, I became a Manager I. In that position I managed the group which handles all FCC and state Public Service Commission complaints filed by customers. Through this experience I gained an appreciation of the variety of issues which are raised by business customers, as well as residential customers. Working with both the state Commissions and the local telephone companies, I supervised the investigation and resolution of customer complaints.

In 1994, I was promoted to a Manager II in the Southern Region Carrier Management organization. One of the main functions of my department was to build relationships with the various local telephone companies in the BellSouth and Southwestern Bell states in order to provide better service to our mutual customers. This required me to work with my counterparts at other companies to craft resolutions to a number of service issues. It gave me a greater exposure to the capabilities of the MCI network, including billing systems and customer order processing, and the interaction of each of these MCI systems with those of the local exchange companies.

In my current position, which I have held since April 1996, among other duties I research and help formulate MCI's responses to issues raised by the various Public Service Commissions in the BellSouth states, as well as support our director and the attorneys in locating information needed for pending cases.

- Q. IN YOUR PREVIOUS POSITION, WERE YOU EXPOSED TO THE ISSUES

 RAISED BY MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA IN THE JOINT COMPLAINT IN THIS

 PROCEEDING?
- A. Yes. During 1995, when MCI, other IXCs, and LECs were working through intraLATA equal access implementation issues in several southern states, I was MCI's main point of contact for BellSouth, GTE, Southwestern Bell, Bell Atlantic and the independent local exchange

companies. I worked with various groups within each local exchange telephone company as the individual state commissions ordered implementation of intraLATA equal access. Each final order has some variation, so many discussions have taken place to ensure that the companies understand their required interactions and what is required to provide a seamless implementation for customers.

With regard to BellSouth, I participated in a series of industry workshops held to identify and resolve implementation issues. We were successful in working through many areas of concern. Those which could not be resolved are the subject of the Joint Complaint. A similar complaint was filed by MCI, AT&T, LDDS/Worldcom, and Sprint against BellSouth in Kentucky in September 1995. I testified on behalf of MCI in that proceeding.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

Α.

Certain of the business office practices which BellSouth plans to follow in the implementation of intraLATA equal access are unreasonable and will have an anti-competitive result. The overall effect of the proposed measures is to use BellSouth's position as incumbent provider of local exchange services as leverage with which to advantage its own intraLATA toll service relative to those of its competitors in the course of implementing the Commission's decision to require 1 + intraLATA dialing parity. Instead of adopting the neutral approach followed in the

interLATA market, BellSouth plans to use each encounter with customers
as an opportunity to market its intraLATA services. While there is
nothing wrong with such BellSouth marketing on an independent basis,
separate from customer contact which results from its position as the
incumbent monopoly provider of local exchange service, Bell South should
not be allowed to use that position unfairly to disadvantage its
competitors and hinder new entrants in the intraLATA equal access
market. The Commission should direct BellSouth to implement only
competitively neutral measures, as recommended below in my testimony.

- Q. IN WHAT WAYS DOES BELLSOUTH INTEND TO ABUSE ITS ROLE OF INCUMBENT, DOMINANT LEC AND HINDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAIR 1 + INTRALATA COMPETITION?
- A. The practices and measures which led the Complainants to bring this proceeding can be considered as falling into the following categories:
 - References in advertisements and bill stuffers designed to imply to customers that BellSouth has a claim to intraLATA traffic superior to those of its competitors.
 - 2. Communications to new customers designed to favor the selection of BellSouth's intraLATA toll service and to capture the service of undecided new customers when 1 + equal access presubscription is first made available.
 - 3. Measures designed to prevent or impede existing customers from

	exercising	their	riaht to	change	intraLATA	carriers.
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Tariff provisions which unreasonably hinder the exercise of a customer's right to choose a carrier other than BellSouth to carry
 1 + intraLATA traffic on a presubscribed basis.

With respect to the first category, I am informed that during meetings with Staff the Complainants and BellSouth reached an agreement in principle which they intend to incorporate in a written stipulation. If and when approved by the Commission, this agreement would resolve this portion of the Joint Complaint. However, since that has not been accomplished as of the time I am preparing this testimony, I will regard the issue as unresolved for the purpose of my testimony.

- Q. WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST CATEGORY THAT YOU IDENTIFIED,
 HOW DOES BELLSOUTH PLAN TO DESCRIBE THE INTRALATA CALLING
 AREA TO CONSUMERS?
- A. As shown on Exhibit 1, which is a copy of a planned bill insert, BellSouth has identified the intraLATA calling area as the "BellSouth Calling Zone" on messages to be sent to customers. Its proposed manner of description is also set forth in the following format developed for inclusion in Florida directories:

A Calling Zone is a geographic area in which BellSouth provides local telephone service, local toll calls (long distance calls within the BellSouth Calling

1.	<u>Zone</u>), plus access to the local network.
2	Beginning (DATE), other telecommunications
3	companies can compete with BellSouth by offering
4	their services for local toll calls made inside your
5	BellSouth Calling Zone

(emphasis added). A copy of this format is attached as Exhibit 2 to my testimony.

Examples of the intraLATA business office practices proposed by BellSouth in the Kentucky proceeding, which were attached to the joint complaint as Exhibit B, are attached as Exhibit 3 to my testimony. That exhibit, which was supplied by BellSouth after the Kentucky hearing refers to plans for the state of Kentucky. Documents produced by BellSouth in discovery in this case confirm that it has similar plans for Florida. A copy of the Florida plan is attached hereto to my testimony as Exhibit 4. On pages ___ of Exhibit 4, the intraLATA calling area is referred to as the "BellSouth calling area."

In Exhibit 4, on page 6, BellSouth proposes for its customer service representatives to describe the intraLATA calling area to customers as "calls you make to cities in nearby communities/locations".

"Nearby communities/locations" are defined on that page as "calls made outside of the local call area".

In addition, at page 9 of Exhibit 4, the existing interLATA equal

access disclosure statement is set forth. In light of Kentucky's implementation of intraLATA equal access, this script needs to be adjusted to reflect the new environment. The opening portion of the script states: "SCB/SB will be handling long distance calls within your calling zone, you need to choose a Long Distance Carrier to handle calls made to places outside your SB/SCB calling zone." These inaccurate sentences should be eliminated.

- Q. WHY DO MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA OBJECT TO CONSUMERS BEING
 TOLD THAT THE INTRALATA CALLING AREA IS THE "BELLSOUTH
 CALLING ZONE"?
- A. Because this is an inaccurate, misleading, and anti-competitive title.

 BellSouth does not own the intraLATA calling area or zone. Identifying "BellSouth" as part of the name for the calling zone, however, suggests that it does.

The effect of identifying the intraLATA calling area as the "BellSouth Calling Zone" is that consumers can be deceived into thinking that calls within that calling area are carried only by BellSouth. In that situation, consumers will not understand that they have a choice of carriers. The implicit message could cause customers to believe that BellSouth is entitled to their intraLATA calls. To the extent that mention is later made of a choice of carriers, this still sends a confusing, mixed message even to an educated, sophisticated consumer. One might

wonder why, if a choice of carriers is allowed, is the calling area identified as belonging to only one, BellSouth. The message would discourage the development of fair, presubscription-based intraLATA competition.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission agreed with this concern in its recent order in the intraLATA business office practices case to which I referred earlier. A copy of the Kentucky PSC's order is attached hereto as Exhibit 5. At page 8 the Kentucky Commission stated:

The Commission has opened the intraLATA market to competition. Customers have to contact BellSouth for local service. BellSouth's identification of itself with intraLATA toll calling harms other providers who do not have such a natural entre. BellSouth must therefore change its description of the calling area to ensure that it does not unfairly advance its own intraLATA toll service. Accordingly, BellSouth should submit new language to the Commission for approval. The Commission declines to submit specific language to BellSouth for its use.

Order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, entered in Case Nos. 95-285 and 95-396 on August 13, 1996, at page 8. BellSouth was ordered to "...immediately discontinue use of such phrases as

1	'BellSouth's calling zone' or 'BellSouth's calling area' in its marketing of
2	intraLATA services." <u>Id.,</u> at page 10.

- Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND AS A COMPETITIVELY NEUTRAL TITLE
 AND DESCRIPTION FOR THE CALLING AREA NOW OPEN TO
 COMPETITION?
- Α. To eliminate the confusion generated by this misleading title, and to promote competition, a competitively neutral description must be offered. I suggest identifying these calls as "intraLATA calls" and describing them as "long distance calls inside your local toll calling area." In a similar situation, this was the approach adopted by the Minnesota Public Service Commission in its Order Establishing US West's Business Practices for IntraLATA Presubscription, January 12, 1996, Docket No. P-999/CI-87-697, at page 10. A copy of this order is attached hereto as Exhibit 6.
 - Q. WHY DO COMPLAINANTS OBJECT TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INTRALATA CALLING AREA SET FORTH IN THE BELLSOUTH CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVE'S SCRIPT?
 - A. The script is problematic because it associates the calling area with the types of services only BellSouth can provide. It is an inadequate definition of the intraLATA calling area, in that "cities in nearby communities/locations" is a limiting description, sounding close to being only local calls.
 - Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND AS AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION TO

1	INCLUDE IN THE BELLSOUTH CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE'S
2	SCRIPT?

A. The script should describe intraLATA calls as calls "outside of the basic local calling area." It should be changed, on the first paragraph of page 6 of Exhibit 4, to read:

Mr./Mrs. Customer, due to recent changes in the competitive area/environment, you now need to choose a carrier to carry long distance calls you make outside of the basic local calling area.

This is an accurate, clear description of the choice before the customer, which allows consumers to make a more informed decision, while also being fair to new entrants in the intraLATA equal access market.

- Q. WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS OF MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA WITH REGARD

 TO BELLSOUTH'S PROPOSED INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION

 BUSINESS OFFICE PRACTICES AS THEY RELATE TO NEW AND

 EXISTING CUSTOMERS?
- A. As both the incumbent monopoly 1 + /0 + intraLATA toll provider and the local exchange company for most Floridians, BellSouth is in the unique position of having customer contacts which give it an advantage over new entrants in the intraLATA presubscription market in this State. To encourage the growth of fair competition and avoid customer confusion,

the manner in which BellSouth provides information pertaining to intraLATA service options must be handled in the same neutral manner with which it handles information concerning interLATA competition. Similarly, when existing customers contact BellSouth for reasons unrelated to intraLATA toll service, it should not use such occasions as opportunities to market its intraLATA service unless the customer initiates the subject. This does not mean that BellSouth cannot market its own services; that is entirely appropriate and to be expected. Such efforts, however, must be separate and distinct from its role as the dominant provider of local exchange services. Otherwise, BellSouth will have an unfair competitive advantage.

BellSouth's proposed intraLATA presubscription practices are not neutral and will operate to give it an unfair competitive advantage. The earlier draft of those practices that was attached to the Joint Complaint, and is now Exhibit 3 to my testimony, illustrates the problems which led to the filing of the Joint Complaint. In specific instances and as an overall tone, Exhibit 3 encourages BellSouth customer service representatives to make a "sales pitch" on every call with potential or existing local exchange service customers that they should select or retain BellSouth as their intraLATA carrier. No other competitor is in a position to first tout its company and then make a sales pitch. BellSouth alone has this advantage, because it is the local exchange company with

the gateway to the customer ordering a variety of services.

The discovery of BellSouth's updated plans in this docket shows that Complainants' concerns continue to be well founded. In what appears to be the most current version of BellSouth's "1+Local Toll (IntraLATA) Presubscription FLORIDA Operating Standards 06/96", the methods and procedures manual for BellSouth Service Centers, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 7, it is apparent that BellSouth remains intent on taking advantage of its incumbent monopoly position as the gateway to customers. The following excerpt from Exhibit 7 reveals the emphasis placed on turning what should be a neutral customer service representative into an opportunity to steer the customer to BellSouth:

WHAT IS LOCAL Customers have become accustomed to the need LONG DISTANCE to select a long distance carrier for their SERVICE? long distance service.

NOW we will ask for a local long distance carrier and the customer may become confused. In fact the customer may state, "I've already got a long distance company."

Explain that up until now, the long distance calls made within the "calling zone" were carried by BellSouth.

Use current practices to describes to customers the calling zones.

Τ		express that there are other carriers available;
2		however, we would appreciate the opportunity to provide
3		your long distance service within the calling zone
4		You may follow up at this point with questions to
5		position yourself as a consultant to determine your
6		customer's calling needs.
7		"Tell me about your business" "Where are
8		most of your customers, suppliers, etc.
9		located?" Does your company make more
10		local long distance or regular long distance?"
11	Exhibit 7 at	Bates stamp page 000545. The emphasis on leveraging
12	continues wi	ith the instructions for how to handle new customers:
13	NEW CUSTOMER	Example statement: "up until now BellSouth carried
14		the long distance calls within your Calling Zone, but recent
15		regulatory changes require that you select a long distance
16		company for the long distance calls made within your Local
17		Calling Zone. Other companies do offer this service and I
18		will be glad to advise you of the companies available;
19		however BellSouth would like to provide this service to
20		you."
21		*Again, you would add in your transition question to
22		emphasize BellSouth offerings and nosition vourself as a

consultant!

Exhibit 7 at Bates stamp page 000548.

As a business practice, BellSouth intends that its customer representatives who, in the capacity of the customer's contact at the local exchange company responsible for apprising them of their rights and implementing their choice of competitors, present themselves as "consultants" who are helpfully acting in the customer's interests. The stated purpose of the "consultation" is to convince the customer to use BellSouth's intraLATA service. This abusive use of a customer contact arising from BellSouth's role as the gateway to competitive services would give BellSouth an enormous unfair advantage and would stifle the development of even handed intraLATA competition.

Even more egregious procedures are planned for existing customers. If the customer calls with the affirmative request to change intraLATA carriers, the BellSouth representative must "attempt to save the service." This is another example of how BellSouth intends to take advantage of its gateway position to persuade the customer to change his mind. The description of "Attempt to Save the Service" demonstrates it is a sales pitch:

** Save attempt should highlight the advantages of BellSouth local long distance service. (Ex. BellSouth has expertise is [sic] servicing the needs of Small Business customers in

your area, BellSouth is local!) We will use this type of positive approach rather than comparing ourselves with our competitors.

Exhibit 7 at Bates stamp page 000549.

This issue is of particular concern given the Commission's decision that no balloting be done; instead, carriers will obtain new customers through their own marketing efforts. This was a consensus opinion expressed by the industry taking into account a number of factors, including local exchange company fears that balloting would result in the loss of many customers, the expense of balloting, and possible customer confusion. The success of the approach depends upon fair, neutral business office practices by the local exchange companies.

- Q. PLEASE IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF BELLSOUTH'S PROPOSED INTRALATA BUSINESS OFFICE PRACTICES FOR EXISTING CUSTOMERS WHICH PROMOTE BELLSOUTH AT THE EXPENSE OF NEW ENTRANTS IN THE INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION MARKET.
- A. As previously explained, the proposed approach for existing customers who call BellSouth with inquiries about intraLATA service does not promote a neutral approach. Indeed its very language requires the customer service representative to become the customer's telecommunications consultant and then make a sales pitch to keep the customer with BellSouth, even if the customer requests to be changed

to a specific carrier.

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Thus, if a person calls in with a generic request about intraLATA service, he is to be told that he has a choice of carriers. If the customer then indicates he wants to exercise his choice and wants to change carriers, the customer service representative must then become a sales representative by making "an Attempt to Save the Service." Exhibit 7, Bates stamp page 000549. Similarly, if a customer calls with the specific request to change her intraLATA carrier from BellSouth to a specific carrier, the representative must "explain he/she has choices", then go into the sales mode to change the customer's mind and persuade him to stick with BellSouth despite his decision to switch.

ISSUE 4 ATTACHED TO THE ORDER ON PROCEDURE STATES:
"SHOULD BELLSOUTH BE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE ORDERS OF
ALL EXISTING CUSTOMERS WHO CONTACT BELLSOUTH TO CHANGE
INTRALATA CARRIERS WITHOUT FIRST ATTEMPTING TO REQUIRE THE
CUSTOMERS TO CONTACT THE CARRIER FOR THAT PURPOSE?" WHY
DO MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA OPPOSE BELLSOUTH'S PLAN TO RESIST
A REQUEST TO CHANGE CARRIERS FROM AN EXISTING CUSTOMER?
BellSouth has a confusing plan for handling the situation of an existing
customer who calls to change intraLATA carriers. As shown on Bates
stamp page 000549 of Exhibit 7 and discussed previously in my
testimony, the customer service representative is trained to "Attempt to

Save the Service." If the customer still wishes to change carriers, the representative must then tell the customer to call his carrier of choice to request service.

MCI and FIXCA object to this procedure because it is an impediment to the customer's exercise of his right to change carriers. It is not a consumer friendly approach and is anti-competitive with regard to new entrants in the intraLATA market. Consumers are used to calling their local telephone company to make a change in their interLATA carrier. BellSouth does this routinely and charges MCI, AT&T, Worldcom, and other carriers a fee to do so. To now adopt a different posture in the intraLATA environment will be frustrating and confusing to consumers. Under BellSouth's scenario, they must endure the unsolicited sales pitch of the customer service representative only to be told that they have to make another call, this time to the carrier of their choice.

Further confusion and unfairness arises from BellSouth's plan to go ahead and take the order anyway if the customer "prefers." It is unclear what this means. The customer obviously wants BellSouth to take the order; that is why he called BellSouth in the first place. The measures the customer must take in order to overcome BellSouth's attempt to refer the customer to the other carrier and indicate he would rather BellSouth take the order than start the whole process over again

with the carrier of his choice is unspecified.

The plan suggests, however, that the orders of assertive and determined customers will be accepted and processed by BellSouth, while customers who are by nature less confrontational, or possibly less sophisticated with respect to their knowledge of their options, will have to go through an extra step to select a carrier other than BellSouth. BellSouth's practice appears to introduce an element of discrimination based on the relative degree of the customer's assertiveness. This is anathema to the concept of "equal access" 1+ presubscription.

Q. WHAT CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR EXISTING CUSTOMERS?

A. With regard to the previous issue, BellSouth should be required to treat all customers equally and simply act on the customer's request to change carriers.

Procedures which include a "sales pitch" or the "Attempt to Save the Service" approach should be eliminated. If an existing customer calls in with a generic request for information, he should be told he has a choice of carriers, followed by an offer to read the list of available carriers. When an existing customer calls to request to be switched to a specific carrier, that request should be honored, not challenged. BellSouth's plan to "explain BellSouth offers service" and to "Attempt to Save the Service", Exhibit 5, page 7, should be prohibited. For the same

reason, BellSouth should be prohibited from initiating the subject of its intraLATA service to existing customers who contact BellSouth as their LEC for reasons unrelated to intraLATA toll service. During our discussions, BellSouth declined to regard all such contacts (repair requests, billing inquiries, etc.) as off limits to their intraLATA toll marketing efforts.

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Q. WHAT ARE THE FLAWS IN THE PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR NEW CUSTOMERS WHICH PROMOTE BELLSOUTH AT THE EXPENSE OF NEW ENTRANTS IN THE INTRALATA MARKET?

The procedure for how to handle new customers is set forth on Bates stamp page 000548 of Exhibit 7. Its flaw is that it allows the BellSouth customer service representative to market its intraLATA services upfront, in an effort to influence the customer to stay with BellSouth, before the customer has time to reflect on whether he wants to change carriers. Thus, although the customer service representative will mention in his spiel that he can read a list of other carriers who offer intraLATA toll service, as the customer is considering how to respond to that offer the representative is well into the process of emphasizing BellSouth offerings and positioning himself as the telecommunications consultant to the customer.

This gives an unfair advantage to BellSouth. Because it is the monopoly local exchange company for most Floridians, it is the only

company a consumer can call for new service. In this captive situation, when the customer is signing up for different services, BellSouth has a tremendous edge in having the customer on the telephone with its representatives. Recognizing this, BellSouth has its representatives "position yourself as a consultant" in order to take advantage of this unique opportunity to influence the customer.

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Q. WHAT CHANGES DO YOU RECOMMEND TO BELLSOUTH'S PROPOSED INTRALATA BUSINESS OFFICE PRACTICES FOR NEW CUSTOMERS?

BellSouth's proposed script should be changed to level its advantage to a presentation which is fair to the customer and all carriers. BellSouth will not be disadvantaged; it should simply be placed on the same footing as all carriers. BellSouth should be prohibited from "positioning" its representatives as the customer's telecommunications consultant. It would be permissible for the representative to advise: "I have a list of the companies which can carry these calls. Would you like me to read this list to you?" If the customer says, yes, then the list should be read. If the response is no, then the representative should ask the customer to identify the carrier of her choice. If he cannot, and also if the initial response is, "I'm not sure", then the customer should be advised that he must dial an access code to reach his intraLATA carrier each time he makes an intraLATA call until he selects a presubscribed carrier. This point is addressed more fully in my testimony at page ____.

Q. ARE MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA ADVOCATING THAT IXCs CAN MARKET

THEIR SERVICES, WHILE BELLSOUTH AND OTHER LECS MUST BE

PROHIBITED FROM PROACTIVELY MARKETING THEIR SERVICES?

A. No. Because of its unique position as the gatekeeper for intraLATA service, BellSouth's initial customer contact must be neutral. It cannot steer the customer toward its own service. Once past that step, however, if a customer requests information about BellSouth's service, it should be able to market itself to the interested customer. In that situation, the customer initiated and expressed the interest without prompting or pushing or promoting in that direction by BellSouth. In addition, BellSouth is free to market in whatever way it chooses outside of that initial customer contact. This would include television, radio and written advertisements.

MCI, AT&T, and FIXCA are simply saying that BellSouth must respond to customer inquiries regarding intraLATA carriers and intraLATA service in the same competitively neutral manner with which it responds to the same inquiries on an interLATA basis.

BellSouth has been ordered to adopt this fair approach in Kentucky, where the Commission decided that "[w]hen a new customer makes its initial contact to BellSouth or an existing customer contacts BellSouth for a non-toll-related service, BellSouth should not market its toll services unless the subject is introduced by the customer. When

marketing its toll services, BellSouth shall not refer to its intraLATA services prior to advising the customer that other choices of intraLATA carriers exist." Exhibit 5 at pages 8 - 9.

- Q. WHY SHOULD A NEUTRAL PROCESS WHICH REQUIRES UNDECIDED

 OR NO-PIC CUSTOMERS TO DIAL A CARRIER ACCESS CODE BE

 IMPLEMENTED, AS OPPOSED TO BELLSOUTH'S PLAN TO DEFAULT

 ALL OF THOSE CUSTOMERS TO ITSELF?
- A. The practice of defaulting undecided customers to BellSouth would create an artificial inertia to the exercise of the customer's choice, contrary to the fundamental concept of "equal access" 1 + intraLATA presubscription. The FCC agrees. A neutral approach is required by the FCC in its Second Report and Order, issued on August 8, 1996, in Docket Nos. 96-98, 95-85, 96-8 and 92-237. At paragraph 81, the FCC declares:

..."dial-tone providers" should not be permitted automatically to assign to themselves new customers who do not affirmatively choose a toll provider. New customers of a telephone exchange service provider who fail affirmatively to select a provider of telephone toll service, after being given a reasonable opportunity to do so, should not be assigned automatically to the customer's dial-tone provider or the customer's preselected interLATA toll or interstate toll carrier. Rather, we find that consistent with current

practices in the interLATA toll market, such nonselecting customers should dial a carrier access code to route their intraLATA toll or intrastate toll calls to the carrier of their choice until they make a permanent, affirmative selection.

The mechanism prescribed by the FCC is technically feasible, and should be followed in Florida. BellSouth has maintained that this is not technically feasible because to do so requires an additional CIC code, which BellSouth claims it cannot obtain from BellCore due to a shortage of CIC codes. MCl has learned, however, that Kathleen M.H. Wallman, Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC, has instructed the Director of NANP Administration at BellCore to release CIC codes to requesting carriers who need them specifically for the purpose of intraLATA presubscription. The letter from Ms. Wallman to BellCore, dated September 26, 1995, in which she directed BellCore to make additional CICs available, is attached to my testimony as Exhibit 8. MCl is advised that under the authority of that letter, other RBOCs, such as Bell Atlantic, have obtained CIC codes for the purpose of implementing for intraLATA equal access in their territories.

Q. WHY DO MCI, AT&T, AND FIXCA OPPOSE BELLSOUTH'S PLAN TO CHARGE A PRIMARY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER ("PIC") CHANGE FEE TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS WHO INITIALLY SELECTS AN INTRALATA CARRIER OTHER THAN BELLSOUTH DURING PRESUBSCRIPTION, AS

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SELEC	TS A	AN INT	ERL/	ATA A	AND	INTRALATA	CARRI	ER AT	THE	SAME
TIME?										

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This approach unjustly incents customers to remain with BellSouth. This proposal penalizes existing customers for making a choice which is just now available to them, charging them a fee to handle a request which could not have been made at the time service was established. It goes against the spirit of the Commission's intraLATA order, in which competition is promoted.

For interLATA services, customers are able to select their toll carrier at no charge upon equal access conversion or when establishing service. The same approach is appropriate for intraLATA service. The same logic applies.

Similarly, it is unreasonable for BellSouth to create a disincentive to the exercise of choice by imposing two PIC change charges on a customer who wishes to change interLATA and intraLATA carriers in a single transaction. The Kentucky Commission agreed. In its recent order it ruled that BellSouth can only assess one PIC change charge when a customer changes interLATA and intraLATA PICs in the same transaction. Exhibit 2 at page 10.

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.

A. The changes to BellSouth's proposed intraLATA equal access business

office practices that I have described are needed to ensure that BellSouth responds to customer inquiries in the same neutral manner with which it responds to interLATA inquiries. An inquiring customer should be advised that he has a choice of carriers and then told what that choice is, if he so desires. BellSouth's efforts to market its intraLATA service or "Attempt to Save Service" when customers call to establish service or change carriers should be prohibited by the Commission. In order to promote competition in a market where BellSouth starts with all of the presubscribed customers, with no customer balloting, a competitively neutral approach is essential to the objective of fair and healthy intraLATA competition.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

13 A. Yes.

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WITNESS SANDRA SEAY
EXHIBIT 1 PAGE 1 OF 1
DOCKET NO. 930330
AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
FLORIDA BELLSOUTH CUSTOMERS

Effective June 2, 1996, in response to a decision by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC), other telecommunications companies can compete with BellSouth by offering their services for local toll calls inside your BellSouth Calling Zone.

After implementation, you may continue to use BellSouth for these services, or choose another company. No action is necessary to keep BellSouth as your provider for these local toll calls.

BellSouth will continue to provide local telephone service and all local toll calls on BellSouth pay telephones.

You may receive information from long distance companies marketing their services. If you want to select another company to handle your local toll calls, you should call that company anytime after the date shown next to your telephone prefix on the reverse side of this notice. There may be a charge for each change you make in long distance companies.

BELLSOUTH

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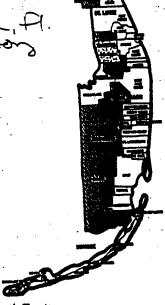
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Southeast Calling Zone



- BellSouth Territory

- Undeveloped BellSouth Territory

- Non-BellSouth Territory

Distance Calling



DIALING INSTRUCTIONS : FOR LONG DISTANCE CALLS

DIRECT DIALED: 1+(Area Code)+ Telephone Number

NOTE: To use a long distance company other than the preselected one, dial: (Access Code)+1+(Area Code)+(Telephone Number)

CALLING CARD, FROM ANYTELEPHONE 0+(Area Code)+Telephone Number

CALLING CARD, FROM TOUCH-TONE TELEPHONE ONLY:

0+(Area Code)+Telephone Number (wait for tone)+ Calling Card Number

NOTE: You can save time if the number you're calling is the same as the number on your Calling Card. In that case, dial: four-digit Personal Identification Number.

NOTE: Some long distance companies' procedures may differ. Check with your firm for exact procedures.

OPERATOR-**ASSISTED CALLS:**

(Collect, Third-Party, Personto-Person, Calling Card, etc.): 0+(Area Code)+Telephone Number

OPERATOR-HANDLED CALLS:

Dial 0 to reach BellSouth. Dial 00 or follow directions provided by your long distance company to reach that company.

FRAUDULENT CALLERS ARE SUBJECT TO **PROSECUTION**

It is illegal for another person to charge long distance calls to your number or Calling Card without your permission. Persons placing such calls are subject to prosecution.

NOTE: All directions provided here are for persons calling from a home or business telephone. Pay telephone procedures vary, so check the instruction cards posted on or near the telephone.

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Kentucky PSC Data Request
Oral Requests From The Hearing Dated February 15, 1996
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REQUEST: Provide an updated copy of On-Line Documentation, used by the BellSouth Business Office representatives, for use in discussions with customers relative to IntraLATA Presubscription.

RESPONSE: See attached.

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Overview (GA, KY)

Toll Calls dialed as 1+ or 0+ within the intraLATA calling zone were previously carried by the local exchange companies ie. BellSouth. To place calls using another carrier it was necessary to dial that carrier*s access code.

On 12/29/94, the first Public Service Commission (PSC) order requiring the local exchange companies to provide other carriers equal access for intraLATA toll without the use of an access code was issued in Kentucky. Similar orders were also issued by the PSC staffs in Florida and Georgia.

Note: BellSouth has decided to use the term ALocal Toll@ when referring to intraLATA service

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PSC Order Presubscription Guidelines (GA, KY)

The PSC orders include the following presubscription guidelines for implementation of local toll presubscription:

- Local Exchange companies will be required to advise ONLY new customers of other companies who carry Local Toll calls.
 Note: An existing customer may change Local Toll carriers by contacting their carrier of choice.
- Existing customers will not be balloted. They will be assigned to the local exchange company until they initiate a change of carriers.
- 4 party line Local Toll calls must be carried by the local exchange company and
- A new service choice of undecided will default to the local exchange company.

Customer Options

In states where PSC orders have been issued, customers will have the options of selecting an IntraLATA, as well as, an InterLATA carrier.

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Network Switch Conversion

Network switches for selected NPA/NXX*s will convert to Local Toll equal access weekly.

The conversions will take place on Sundays.

The conversion process will continue until the entire state is converted.

This process could take up to two years per state.

The conversion start dates are as follows:

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State	Date	
Kentucky	10/22/95	
Georgia	12/03/95	
Florida	Unknown	
Other States	Dates to be announced per PSC orders	

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Note: There is no LPIC NONE condition with Local Toll. The local exchange company is the default carrier.

Other LPCA Code Sets

Other LPCA code sets input by various groups other than Service Representatives may appear on the customer record.

The code sets are:

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Codesct	Definition
CL.	Carrier List
CM	Carrier Mechanized
CP	Carrier Paid - Mechanized
CV	Carrier Verbal - EASC use only
DF	Default - IntraLATA Conversion

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Codeset	Definition
EA	Equal Access
EB	Electronic Bonding
EP	Electronic Bonding (carrier paid for change)
ES	Expedited Switchback - EASC only
MG	Merger (replaces CL, CM, & MR)
MR	Manual Resolution

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SE	System External Administrative Management Service (AMS)
SF	Expedite LPIC Switchback -This is a FREEZE code
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Codeset	Definition
RT	Right Touch
SE	System External Administrative Management Service (AMS)
SF	Expedite LPIC Switchback -This is a FREEZE code
SI	System Internal Administrative
SR	Submitted Reseller
UF	UPIC - this is a FREEZE code (used by EASC only)

RNS Enhancements

As each NPA/NXX converts, RNS will be enhanced to provide the list of interexchange presubscribed carriers in random order.

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CRIS & SOCS Conversions

CRIS & SOC*s will perform database conversions to add the BellSouth LPIC and default LPCA to embedded base records and pending orders.

The conversions will take place at the end of each month.

Note: Because the Network switch conversions may take place at various times of the month, customer records, as well as, pending orders will not reflect the LPIC information even though the Network switch conversion for that NPA/NXX has taken place. The LPIC information will not be visible until after the CRIS & SOCs conversion at the end of the month.

SOER Edit

A SOER edit requiring the SR to select the LPIC and a LPCA once a NPA/NXX has converted will be put in place.

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The following are example of disclosure statements:

- Mr/Mrs Customer, due to the new competitive environment we are entering, you are now required to select a long distance carrier for the Local Toll calls, calls made within your calling zone to nearby communities. I will be glad to advise you of the carriers available, BellSouth is one of these carriers.
- Mr/Mrs. Customer, you are now required to select a company to handle long distance calls made within your LATA, as well as calls made outside your calling LATA. BellSouth would like to be your Local Toll provider for the calls within your calling LATA. We have been handling these type calls for you in the past. Other carriers do offer this service, I will be glad to advise you of the carriers available, or I can make arrangements for BellSouth to be your carrier of choice.

T Order Customers

On all T orders we will advise customers they have a choice as to who carries their 1+ Local toll calls.

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When an existing customer calls the Service Center to request a change of carrier only, he/she should be referred to the carrier of choice to place their order.

The customer should be advised that the carrier of choice needs to establish an account for him/her, and provide information about the service.

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LPIC Change Charge

A LPIC change charge of \$1.49 per line applies each time the LPIC is changed with the exception of a change from "UN" (undecided) to a carrier.

There is no charge to change from UN to a carrier.

The LPIC change charge is in addition to charges billed for InterLATA (PIC) changes.

Note: The CRIS billing system will automatically apply the LPIC change charge when applicable.

Other LPIC Change Charge

Orders issued for other work may also incur the LPIC change charge.

Examples of orders written for other work where LPIC change charge applies include:

- a change of LPIC on a regrade of a 2 party line to an individual line (regrade charges may also apply) and
- change of a carrier on a transfer of contract order.

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	Note: The other Local Toll carriers must abide by this same rule.	
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Waive LPIC Charges

In instances where it is necessary to waive LPIC charges via the 3270, the billing instruction entry is

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Note: This exhibit is not intended to be all inclusive. All other service order entries are the same as those used for PIC.

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The due date interval for LPIC is the same as it is for PIC.

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When help is needed, use the following chart:

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Overview (FL,GA,KY)

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IntraLATA (1 + Local Toll) will be effective in Florida June 2, 1996.

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T Order Customers (FL,GA,KY)

On all T orders we will advise customers they have a choice as to who carries their 1+ Local toll calls.

Note: RNS will display the existing carrier of choice under current services. Unless a different carrier is selected, the carrier shown will be retained on the T order.

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Competitive Positioning of BellSouth's Local Toll Service Offering (KY)

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Likely Questions and Answers (FL,GA,KY)

The following information may help you answer customer inquiries:

Carrier Selection:

Q. How will I choose an IntraLATA carrier?

A. Advise customer that they may continue to have this service provided by BellSouth without taking any action. If the customer wants to consider other carriers, he/she should check the telephone directory for a list of carriers. The customer should contact the carrier directly.

Q. Do I have to make a choice?

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A. Once a company is certified to do business in your area we believe they will actively promote their services through telemarketing, direct mail, television and/or newspaper advertisements.

Also, you may check the telephone directory for a list of carriers who serve your area.

Q. Who determines if a carrier can compete in the local toll market?

A. The State Public Service Commission is responsible for certification of local toll carriers.

Rates/Charges

O. How can I get a rate comparison -- BellSouth rates vs. rates charged by other carriers?

A. We will be glad to provide BellSouth rates for specific calls. However, you must call the other companies for a rate quote to be able to make a comparison.

Effective September 9, 1995. BellSouth will restructure rates for local toll. These simplified

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 95-396 and 95-285
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

I, Don Mills, Executive Director of the Public Service Commission, do hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the following by U.S. Mail on August 13, 1996.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF OF SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF INTRALATA 1+))	CASE NO. 95-285
AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC., MCI TELE- COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, AND WORLDCOM, INC. D/B/A LDDS WORLDCOM))))	CASE NO. 95-396
v.)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., D/B/A SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY))	

ORDER

Payphone presubscription is common to both of these proceedings, thus they were consolidated for hearing and resolution by Commission Order on January 3, 1996.

Case No. 95-285

On June 2, 1995, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed tariff revisions concerning its non-traffic sensitive revenue requirement and intraLATA equal access cost recovery. The purpose of the proposed tariff was to recover the cost of 1+ intraLATA presubscription in compliance with the Communication's December 29, 1994 Order in Administrative Case No. 323.1 AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc.

Administrative Case No. 323, Phase I, An Inquiry Into IntraLATA Toll Competition, An Appropriate Compensation Scheme For Completion of IntraLATA Calls by Interexchange Carriers, and WATS Jurisdictionality. Order Dated December 29, 1994.

("AT&T"), Sprint Communications Company ("Sprint"), MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI"), and GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") intervened in the proceeding. The long-distance carriers objected to BellSouth's tariff, which proposed that intraLATA presubscribed carriers for public and semi-public payphones be determined by the respective owners of the payphones. Currently, the interLATA presubscribed carrier for public and semi-public payphones is selected by the owner of the premises where the payphone is located. By Order dated June 30, 1995, the Commission accepted the proposed tariff, subject to further findings in this proceeding.

Case No. 95-396

On September 6, 1995, AT&T, MCI, Sprint and WorldCom, Inc. d/b/a LDDS WorldCom ("LDDS"), ("Complainants") filed a joint complaint against BellSouth alleging anti-competitive business office methods and procedures adopted by BellSouth regarding the implementation of intraLATA presubscription. The Commission ordered BellSouth to satisfy or answer the complaint. On September 28, 1995, BellSouth denied each allegation of anti-competitive practice.

Complainants assert that BellSouth intends to leverage its monopoly position to discriminate in favor of its own competitive services. The specific alleged anti-competitive practices include: (1) implementing procedures in its "IntraLATA Presubscription-Customer Contract Information" that will unfairly enable it to market its intraLATA services to customers who call BellSouth for new service or additional service

Joint Complaint, Exhibit A.

prior to advising the customer that other choices of intraLATA carriers exist; (2) placing on customers' bills and in telephone directones messages that imply BellSouth is the owner of intraLATA toll traffic; (3) charging each existing customer a primary interexchange carrier ("PIC") change fee to select an initial intraLATA carrier other than BellSouth; (4) being the default carrier for those customers who are undecided on who choose no PIC option; and (5) implementing discriminatory operator call completion procedures if the customer wishes to place an intraLATA operator assisted toll call. Complainants allege that these procedures are discriminatory in that BellSouth does not intend to inform the customer that the call is intraLATA or to offer the customer the choice of using the customer's presubscribed intraLATA toil carrier.

At the hearing, which was held on February 15, 1996, AT&T, MCI, Sprint, and BellSouth presented witnesses. Briefs were filed on March 22, 1996.

DISCUSSION

There are three issues to be resolved: (1) whether BeilSouth should be allowed to presubscribe its payphones to itself; (2) whether SellSouth is improperly charging customers for PIC changes; and (3) whether BeilSouth's business office practices regarding the choice of intraLATA toll carrier are appropriate.

BellSouth Payohone Presubscription

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 at §276 codified at 47 United States Code §151 et sec. provides for regulations to promote competition among payphone providers. Included in these regulations are rules that provide that all payphone service providers have the right to negotiate with the location provider to select and contract with

the carriers that will carry intraLATA calls from their payphones. Id. at §276(b)(1)(E). The regulations would also allow Bell operating company payphone service providers the same right as independent payphone providers to negotiate with the location provider on the selection of carriers for interLATA calls from their payphones unless the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") determines in its rulemaking that this is not in the public interest. Id. at §276(b)(1)(D). The FCC must promulgate regulations by November 1996.

Complainants argue that BellSouth's tariff runs counter to the intent of Congress and this Commission to open the intraLATA toll market to competition.¹ They allege that intraLATA toll competition is hindered because BellSouth will not allow a premises owner to presubscribe a BellSouth payphone to an intraLATA toll carrier other than itself. Complainants acknowledge that premises owners have the power to choose the presubscribed toll carrier through the negotiation process with a payphone provider. AT&T acknowledged that it does not allow a different interLATA toll carrier to be presubscribed to its payphones.⁴

Complainants contend that placement of payphones by a local exchange carrier ("LEC") differs from those employed by an interexchange carrier ("IXC") because of the IXC's primary emphasis on the toll market, rather than the local exchange market. They argue that because BellSouth has so many payphones throughout its territory, its refusal

See Order in Administrative Case No. 323, dated December 29, 1994 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996, § 276, respectively.

Transcript of Evidence ("T.E.") at 13-14.

to allow premises owners to presubscribe its payphones to a different intraLATA toll carrier obstructs competition.

BellSouth maintains that the presubscription practices in its proposed tariff are the same as those employed by Complainants and are consistent with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which allows for equal treatment between Bell operating companies and independent payphone providers regarding payphone presubscription.⁵

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 clearly preserves the right of premises owners to determine the intraLATA carrier and interLATA carrier presubscribed to payphones located on their property. The payphone installation is a negotiated transaction between the payphone provider and the premises owner. The law does not require BellSouth to presubscribe its payphones to other intraLATA toll carriers. Property owners are free to negotiate with any other payphone provider. Consequently, the Commission finds that BellSouth's payphone presubscription practices are consistent with its past Orders and with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. BellSouth's tariff should be accepted.

Charges for PIC Changes

In response to the complaint against its practice of charging for a PIC change during the initial selection of an intraLATA carrier of an existing customer. BellSouth cites ordering paragraph 21 of the December 29, 1994 Order which prohibits a charge to

BellSouth Brief at 3-5 and Telecommunications Act of 1996, § 275(b)(1)(D), (E) and § 276(b)(3).

"new" customers initiating service, but is silent regarding existing customers of the incumbent LEC.

MCI opposes LECs charging a PIC fee to existing customers on the grounds that it inhibits a customer's inclination to change its intraLATA carrier from the incumbent LEC and penalizes existing customers for making a choice previously unavailable to them.⁶ MCI requests that a grace period of six months be imposed for customers to make their initial choice of intraLATA carrier.⁷

InterLATA presubscription policies cannot be applied to the intraLATA market because interLATA presubscription was mandatory, and its costs were recovered through the interstate cost recovery process.⁴ However, when intraLATA equal access is made available, it is the customer's choice whether to switch carriers. Thus, when BellSouth incurs the additional costs of changing an existing customer's intraLATA carrier, it is appropriate for BellSouth to charge a PIC change fee. Furthermore, the Commission did not contemplate a grace period in its final Order in Administrative Case No. 323.

Complainants also raised the issue that BellSouth charges two PIC change fees when both an interLATA and an intraLATA selection are made simultaneously. BellSouth's current intraLATA PIC fee is \$1.49 and is based upon costs incurred in implementing interLATA equal access. The December 29, 1994 Order in Administrative Case No. 323, at ordering paragraph 21, states that the maximum charge for an

Direct Testimony of MCI at 16 and MCI Brief at 13-14.

MCt Brief at 14.

BellSouth Brief at 10 and 11.

intraLATA PIC change shall not exceed the charge for an interLATA PIC change (\$1.49). BellSouth contends it should not be required to provide PIC changes below cost. The Commission concurs so long as BellSouth remains within the established guidelines. However, when both an interLATA PIC change and intraLATA PIC change are made simultaneously, only the interLATA PIC charge of \$1.49 shall apply; not both. BellSouth Business Office Practices

Complainants allege that many of BeilSouth's business office practices regarding intraLATA service are anti-competitive. They argue that these practices enable BellSouth to maintain its existing customer base, and to unfairly market its services in a manner that keeps customers unaware of their intraLATA market choices. In response, BellSouth asserts it has valid reasons for each of its practices.

BellSouth serves as a default carrier when its existing customers choose no intraLATA carrier. The Complainants allege that BellSouth should be required to accommodate a "no PIC" choice for new customers who refuse to designate an intraLATA carrier or who tell the business office that they will call back later with an intraLATA choice. Under the option of "no PiC," BellSouth becomes the default carrier. The current 2-PIC software, which enables customers to select different carriers for the interLATA and intraLATA market, will not accommodate a "no PiC" option without

BellSouth Prefiled Testimony at 6 and SellSouth Brief at 12.

This position affirms the Commission's decision in Case No. 95-168, Lisa Gail Gamble, Dawn Elizabeth Howard, Teresa Darcel Cope, and Linda Sue Medley, Complainants v. West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Defendant, Order dated November 27, 1995.

BellSouth incurring additional costs to modify its switches. BellSouth argues it should not have to incur those costs, and that the Commission's intent with the 2-PIC option and the Commission's decision not to require balloting of intraLATA customer choices, was to force the IXCs to actively market customers. Allowing BellSouth and other LECs to designate themselves as the default intraLATA toll carrier when a customer refuses to make an intraLATA choice, for whatever reason, still places the emphasis where the Commission did in Administrative Case No. 323; IXCs will obtain toll customers only through active marketing efforts.

BellSouth currently uses terms such as "BellSouth's calling zone" and refers to a LATA as "local toll service." BellSouth also describes a LATA as the "BellSouth calling area." Complainants contend that these terms and description are misleading because they could lead customers to the mistaken conclusion that BellSouth is the only intraLATA toll carrier in its area.

The Commission has opened the intraLATA market to competition. Customers have to contact BellSouth for local service. BellSouth's identification of itself with intraLATA toll calling harms other providers who do not have such a natural entre. BellSouth must therefore change its description of the calling area to ensure that it does not unfairly advance its own intraLATA toll service. Accordingly, BellSouth should submit new language to the Commission for approval. The Commission declines to supply specific language to BellSouth for its use.

When a new customer makes its initial contact to BellSouth or an existing customer contacts BellSouth for a non-toll-related service, BellSouth should not market

its toll services unless the subject is introduced by the customer. When marketing its toll services, BellSouth shall not refer to its intraLATA services prior to advising the customer that other choices of intraLATA carriers exist. BellSouth shall not describe itself as the owner of intraLATA toll traffic either during phone conversations with customers, or in customer bills, or telephone directories. Thus, BellSouth shall immediately cease from using the phrase, "BellSouth's calling zone" or "BellSouth's calling area" when referring to the intraLATA toll calling area. These principles shall be followed by BellSouth in all of its contacts with customers.

Finally, when a customer does not designate BellSouth as its intraLATA toll provider, yet makes a 0+ or 0- intraLATA call, BellSouth operators handle the call. Complainants allege this use of intraLATA toll operators is anti-competitive. If a customer has selected another carrier for intraLATA calls, then the customer should be required to dial "00" to reach his presubscribed carrier, according to BellSouth. Complainants want BellSouth to be required to inform 0+ or 0- callers that they have a choice of carriers to complete their calls. If a competitive carrier is then chosen, Complainants argue that BellSouth should transfer the call to the designated carrier. The Commission finds that this is a marketing issue and that Complainants may address the perceived problem by marketing efforts which include instructions for completing all types of calls, including intraLATA 0+ or 0- calls. Consequently, the Commission finds that BellSouth need not change its intraLATA toll operator procedures.

The Commission contemplates that it may have to address additional complaints regarding carriers' marketing practices on a case-by-case basis in the future.

Having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. BellSouth may freely negotiate with a payphone premises provider for the provision of intraLATA traffic. Should the premises provider select an intraLATA toll carrier other than BellSouth, BellSouth may remove the payphone from the premises. Accordingly BellSouth's tariff is accepted.
- 2. BellSouth may assess a PIC charge to its intraLATA customers making an initial selection for an intraLATA toll provider other than BellSouth.
- 3. BeilSouth may only assess an interLATA PIC charge when its customers change the interLATA PIC and the intraLATA PIC in the same transaction.
- 4. BellSouth is not required to accommodate a "no PIC" option for customers who refuse to make an intraLATA carrier designation and BellSouth may default the customer to itself.
- 5. BellSouth shall immediately discontinue use of such phrases as "SellSouth's calling zone" or "BellSouth's calling area" in its marketing of intraLATA services.
 - 6. BeilSouth shall use the following principles in marketing intraLATA services:
- a. When a new customer makes its initial contact to BeilSouth or when an existing customer contacts BellSouth for a non-toll-related service, BeilSouth shall not market its toll services unless the subject is introduced by the customer.

- b. When marketing its toil services, BellSouth shall not refer to its intraLATA services prior to advising the customer that other choices of intraLATA carriers exist.
- c. BellSouth shall not identify itself as the owner of intraLATA toll traffic during telephone conversations with customers, or in customer bills, or telephone directories.
- 7. BellSouth may provide intraLATA toll operator services for customers who have selected another provider yet make a 0+ or 0- intraLATA cail.
- 8. BellSouth shall submit, within 30 days of the date of this Order, its proposed changes for its business office practices related to the marketing of intraLATA toll service.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of August, 1996.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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1 + Local Toll (IntraLATA) Presubscription

Overview

Introduction

Toll Calls dialed as 1÷ or 0+ within the intraLATA calling zone were previously carried by the local exchange companies i.e. BellSouth. To place calls using another carrier, it was necessary to dial that carrier's access code.

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC), issued an order requiring the local exchange companies to provide other carriers equal access for intraLATA toll without the use of an access code. Georgia and Kentucky PSCs also issued similar orders in 1995.

Note: BellSouth will use the term "Local Toll" when referring to intraLATA toll service.

PSC Order Presubscription Guidelines

The PSC orders include the following presubscription guidelines for implementation of local toll presubscription:

o Local Exchange companies will be required to advise new customers of other companies who carry Local Toll calls.

An existing customer may change Local Toll carriers by contacting their carrier of choice.

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Overview, continued:

- o Existing customers will not be balloted. They will be assigned to the local exchange company until they initiate a change of carriers.
- o 4 party line Local Toll calls must be carried by the local exchange company and
- o Undecided new customers will default to the local exchange company.

Customer Options

Customers will now have the option of selecting an intraLATA, as well as, an interLATA carrier.

The customer may select:

- o the same carrier for each service or
- o a different carrier for each service.

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Conversion Processes for Local Toll			
Introduction	Prior to customers being able to choose a carrier to handle their Local Toll calls, several different conversion activities must take place.		
Network Switch Conversion	Network switches for selected NPA/NXX's will convert to Local Toll equal access weekly. The conversions will take place on Sundays, beginning June 1, 1996 and will continue until the entire state is converted.		
New FIDS	The following new codes will become effective with each NPA/NXX conversion: o "LPIC" - used to reflect the presubscribed interexchange carrier selection o "LPCA" - used to indicate the presubscribed carrier arrangement		

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Conversion Processes for Local Toll, continued

BellSouth LPIC	The BellSouth LPIC is 5124.		
Code Sets for LPCA	Two new code sets for "LPCA" will be added effective with the conversion:		
LICA	UN - used to denote undecided.		
	Note: Undecided is only applicable on a "N" order when the customer can not decide on a carrier. When this situation occurs assign the BellSouth LPIC of 5124 and a LPCA of UN.		
	DF - used to denote default to BellSouth		
	Note: The code sets BO and FR apply per existing PCA procedures.		
	Note: There is no LPIC NONE condition with Local Toll. The local exchange company is the default carrier.		
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Conversion Processes for Local Toll, continued

				
Other	Other LP	Other LPCA code sets input by various groups other		
LPCA	than Cus	than Customer Service Associates (CSAs) may appear		
Code	on the cu	stomer record.		
Sets	The code	sets are:		
	ВС	Business Office (Coin) Negotiated with carrier		
	CL	Carrier List - Paper		
	CM	Carrier Mechanized		
	CP	Carrier Paid - Mechanized		
	CV	Carrier Verbal - EASC use only		
	DF	Default - IntraLATA Conversion		
•	EA	Equal Access - Order issued due to unauthorized PIC		
	EB	Electronic Bonding		
	EP	Electronic Bonding		
		(carrier paid for change)		
	ES	Expedited Switchback - EASC only		
	MG	Merger (replaces CL, CM, & MR)		
	MR	Manual Resolution		
	RT	RightTouch		
	SE	System External		
		Administrative Management Service (AMS)		
	SF	Expedite Switchback - FREEZE		
	SI	System Internal Administrative		
	SR	Submitted Reseller		
	UF	UPIC - FREEZE (EASC use only)		

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Conversion Processes for Local Toll, continued

System	
Enhancements	

As each NPA/NXX converts, the COFFI screen will be enhanced to provide the list of interexchange presubscribed carriers in random order.

COFFI Screen Changes

The following changes have been made to the basic services screen in COFFI to accommodate Local toll equal access:

- o The PIC Carrier screen will display the carriers with the new abbreviation for IntraLATA, i.e, BDDDI, RDDDI, etc.
- o Available carriers for the selected NPA/NXX will be highlighted for ease of recognition.

Example of new screen format:

OPT	PIC	Q	N	CARRIER NAME/ABBREV	DATE AVL BILLING	SVC	TELEPHONE #	NOTES
	144	Y	Y	ALLNET	10/21/91	BDDDI	800-783-2020	
	270	Y	Y	CHERRY COMMUNICATIONS	05/11/94	BDDD	800-243-7798	
	311	Y	И	VARTEC TELECOM	03/03/93	8000	300-583-2691	
	333	Y	Y	SPRINT	06/24/87	BDDDI	800-767-7759	

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CRIS & SOCS Conversions

CRIS & SOC's will perform database conversions to add the BellSouth LPIC and default LPCA to embedded base records and pending orders.

The conversions will take place at the end of each month.

Note: Because the Network switch conversions may take place at various times of the month, customer records, as well as pending orders, will not reflect the LPIC information, even though the Network switch conversion for that NPA/NXX has taken place. The LPIC information will not be visible until after the CRIS & SOCs conversion at the end of the month.

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Conversion Processes for Local Toll, continued

SOER Edit

A SOER edit requiring the SR to select the LPIC and a LPCA once a NPA/NXX has converted will be put in place.

The customer's LPIC should be 5124 (BellSouth) and the LPCA should be DF (default) unless a change of carrier is/has been initiated.

The edit condition will exist

o if the order is issued on or after the NPA/NXX conversion date and

o on all orders with inward activity.

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Customer contacts for Local Toll

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With the implementation of Local Toll presubscription some customer contact procedures will change.

New Customers

New customers MUST be advised they have a choice of carriers for their Local Toll calls.

Disclosure Statements

The disclosure statements to new customers do not have to be verbatim but, must include:

- o an advise that other carriers are available
- o an offer to read the list of available carriers and
- o a statement advising the customer that BellSouth also provides the service.

The following are example of disclosure statements:

o Mr/Mrs Customer, due to the new competitive environment we are entering, you are now required to select a long distance carrier for the Local Toll calls, calls made within your calling zone to nearby communities. I will be glad to advise you of the carriers available, BellSouth is one of these carriers.

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Customer contacts for Local Toll, continued

o Mr/Mrs. Customer, you are now required to select a company to handle long distance calls made within your LATA, as well as calls made outside your calling LATA. BellSouth would like to be your Local Toll provider for the calls within your calling LATA. We have been handling these type calls for you in the past. Other carriers do offer this service, I will be glad to advise you of the carriers available, or I can make arrangements for BellSouth to be your carrier of choice.

Existing Customers

We will initiate a discussion of carrier options with existing customers who are transferring or moving their service only. (T orders)

For feature rearrangements, additions, etc., we will not negotiate the LPIC.

The customer will remain with BellSouth or the current LPIC of record.

NOTE:

If the customer initiates a discussion and wants to select a carrier the Customer Service Associate will make the appropriate carrier selection.

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Customer contact for Local Toll, continued

On-Line Transfer

If the Local Toll and InterLATA carrier choices are the same and the carrier participates in on-line transfer, follow existing on-line transfer procedures.

If BellSouth is the Local Toll carrier and the InterLATA carrier participates in on-line transfer, following existing on line transfer procedures.

If both carrier choices are not the same do not offer to on-line transfer. Instruct the customer to contact each carrier.

Non-Negotiate

If the Local Toll carrier is non-negotiate follow existing equal access procedures for non-negotiate.

LPIC Change Request

When an existing customer calls the Service Center to request a change of carrier only, he/she should be referred to the carrier of choice to place their order.

Note: Read the list of carriers only if the customer requests.

Customers should also be referred to the carrier to update, change or inquire about their pending mechanized LPIC order.

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Customer contacts for Local Toll, continued

If the customer's request is for other order activity i.e. a T&F and they initiate a change of carrier, the Customer Service Associate should select the customer's choice on the service order and refer the customer to the carrier for notification. Follow on-line transfer guidelines procedures.

Carrier Information Requests

Requests for carrier information such as rates, calling plans, access codes, etc., should be referred to the carrier.

Unchanged Equal Access Procedures

Several existing equal access procedures also apply to Local Toll.

The procedures include the handling of

o referral of unauthorized PIC changes to the Equal Access Service Center (EASC)

Note: A new BOCRIS LPIC History screen is accessed by entering LPIC in the BOCRIS command field and depressing PF4.

- o non-listed/non-published number disclosure
- o PIC correct switch verification
- o bill adjustments
- o social security number consent and
- o dialing instructions

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Local Toll Change Charges

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Customers may change carriers for several different reasons. If change charges are not paid by the carrier the customer is billed.

LPIC Change Charge

A LPIC change charge of \$1.49 per line applies each time the LPIC is changed with the exception of a change from "UN" (undecided) to a carrier.

There is no charge to change from UN to a carrier.

The LPIC change charge is in addition to charges billed for InterLATA (PIC) charges.

Note: The CRIS billing system will automatically apply the LPIC change charge when applicable.

Other LPIC Change Charges

Orders issued for other work may also incur the LPIC change charge.

Examples of orders written for other work where LPIC change charge applies include:

- o a change of LPIC selection on a regrade of a 2 party line to an individual line (regrade charges may also apply) and
- o change of a carrier on a transfer of contract order.

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Local Toll Change Charges, continued

New Waive Code

A new billing instruction code has been developed to waive LPIC change charges when applicable. Rules established for waiving PIC change charges should be used. (See Equal Access methods- Section 2 Page 54)

IBI WIPC should be used to waive the LPIC change charge.

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Order Issuance for Local Toll

Feature Group A (FGA) Toll Guides

Accounts established for FGA toll guides are exempt from local toll presubscription.

FGA accounts must have LPIC 5124 frozen to prevent unauthorized changes.

An edit has been established to require the LPIC 5124 on the following FGA line assignable USOCs:

- o FGARX
- o 6R6X1
- o 6R6X3
- o 6B6X1
- o 6B6X3
- o 6B6Y1
- o 6B6Y3
- o FGABX

Service Order Exhibit

The following exhibit is a part of the S&E for establishing a FGA toll account.

II 6B6X1/TN 770 452-1234/PIC 0288 /PCA BO, 08-03-95 /LPIC 5124/LPCA FR, 10-15-95

This exhibit is not intended to be a complete order entry. Other USOCS/FIDs not shown may be required.

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Order Issuance for Local Toll, continued

Service
Order
Effective
Date

Service orders to change or add a Local Toll carrier can not be issued prior to the Network switch NPA/NXX conversion date.

Note: The other Local Toll carriers must abide by this same rule.

LPIC Order Entry

The order entry is

II IFB/PIC XXXX/PCA XX, MM DD YY
/LPIC XXXX/LPCA XX, MM DD YY

Note: This exhibit is not intended to be all inclusive. All other service order entries are the same as those used for PIC.

Due Date Interval

The due date interval for LPIC is the same as it is for PIC.

FLORIDA 1+ INTRA LATA PRESUBSCRIPTION - Bottom Line

What is it?

Toll calls dialed as 1+ or 0+ within the customer's local (LATA) calling zone are carried by BellSouth today. The Florida PSC issued an order requiring BellSouth and other local exchange companies to allow 1+ and 0+ local toll access to other interexchange carriers. Customers may now pre-subscribe to (or choose) companies other than BellSouth for local toll calling. The service order will reflect a PIC (InterLATA long distance) and a LPIC (Local PIC - IntraLATA long distance. This customer choice may be:

- . * The Same Carrier
 - * A different Carrier

*NOTE: BellSouth has decided to use the term "local toll" when referring to IntraLATA toll.

How are we going to do this?

Starting in June, 1996, selected NPA/NXX's will convert to 1÷/0+ local toll equal access on a weekly basis. The conversions will take place on Sundays and will continue until the entire state is converted. This process should be completed by January 1, 1997. COFFI will be updated at offices are converted.

Customer notification

Customers in the affected central offices will be notified via a bill insert beginning in June. This insert is generic and gives basic information about the PSC order. (See attachment I which is an example. The actual insert may be somewhat different)

Good News

The good news is that the customer does not have to make an active choice to continue receiving BellSouth's local toll service. Customers that do not choose a local toll carrier at this time will remain pre-subscribed to BellSouth.

After conversions are completed, customers will have the ability to change their local toll carrier any time they choose. They will constantly evaluate our level of service and our prices. You can make a difference by continuing to provide the excellent service that is BellSouth's standard!

PROPRIETARY

Methods & Procedures	Methods and Procedures are attached
YOU are BellSouth	Remember you are an important ambassador for our Company and the services we provide. You have hundreds of opportunities every day to ensure that we keep the customers that we have by providing courteous and efficient customer service.
Questions	Please contact your Small Business staff if you have questions related to this document or if you want to add to the list of Q&A's in Attachment III.

1+ LOCAL TOLL (CALLING ZONE) PRESUBSCRIPTION METHODS AND PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION This document will assist you in providing our customers the information needed to make an informed decision on the selection of a local toll carrier.

OBJECTIVES

Describe for the customer what is local toll service.

Negotiate local long distance (1+ Local Toll) with

- New customers
- Existing customer who call
- Transfer of service (T&F)

SERVICE?

WHAT IS LOCAL Customers have become accustomed to the need to select a LONG DISTANCE long distance carrier for their long distance service.

> NOW we will ask for a local long distance carrier and the customer may become confused. In fact the customer may state, "I've already got a long distance company".

> Explain that up until now, the long distance calls made within the "calling zone" were carried by BellSouth. Use current practices to describe to customers the calling zones.

Express that there are other carriers available; however, we would appreciate the opportunity to continue to provide your long distance service within the calling zone -

> You may follow up at this point with questions to position yourself as a consultant to determine your customer's calling needs.

> > "Tell me about your business..." "Where are most of your customers, suppliers, etc. located?" Does your company make more local long distance or regular long distance?"

The list of companies who have requested to be carriers of local toll will be reflected on the COFFI screen.

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Conversion

Network Switch Central offices will convert starting June 2,1996. As switches are converted, a list of local toll carriers (including BellSouth) will be populated on COFFI.

New Codes

The following new codes will become effective with each NPA/NXX conversion:

- * LPIC used to reflect the presubscribed local toll carrier selection and
- * LPCA used to indicate the presubscribed carrier arrangement.

BellSouth LPIC The BellSouth LPIC is 5124.

Code Sets for LPCA

Two new code sets for LPCA will be added with each conversion:

* UN - is used to denote undecided.

NOTE: A selection of undecided is only applicable as an initial selection when the customer establishes new service a can not decide on a carrier. When this situation occurs assign the BellSouth LPIC of 5124 and a LPCA of UN.

* DF - is used to denote default to BellSouth.

NOTE: There is no LPIC NONE condition with local tolf. The local exchange company is the default carrier.

NOTE: all existing PCA codes will also apply to LPCA.



CRIS & SOCS

CRIS and SOCS will perform database conversions to add the BellSouth LPIC and default LPCA to embedded base records and pending orders. The conversions will take place the last weekend of each month.

NOTE: Because the Network switch conversions may take place at various times of the month, customer records, as well as, pending orders will not reflect the LPIC information even though the Network switch conversion for that NPA/NXX has taken place. The LPIC information will not be visible until after the CRIS & SOCS conversion the last weekend of the month.

SOER Edit

A SOER edit requiring the selection of LPIC and a LPCA once a NPA/NXX has converted will be put in place.

The customer's LPIC should be 5124 (BellSouth) and the LPCA should be DF (default) unless a change of carrier is/has been initiated.

The edit condition will exist:

- * If the order is issued on or after the NPA/NXX conversion date and
- * on all orders with inward activity.

COFFI/Services SCREEN

The COFFI screen will designate which carriers are INTRALATA carriers by the designation of RDDDI. (Currently InterLATA carriers are designated by RDDD) This will appear on the same services screen beginning June 1st.

PROPRIETARY

NEW **CUSTOMERS**

New customers MUST be advised they have a choice of carriers for their Local Toll calls. Customers who are moving their service must be advised they have a choice as well.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Disclosure statements do not have to be verbatim but they must include that:

- other carriers are available
- offer to read list of available carriers
- BellSouth provides 1+ local toll service

NEW CUSTOMER Example statement: "up until now BellSouth carried the long distance calls within your Calling Zone, but recent regulatory changes require that you select a long distance company for the long distance calls made within your LocalCalling Zone. Other companies do offer this service and I will be glad to advise you of the companies available; however BellSouth would like to provide this service to you."

> * Again, you would add in your transition question to emphasize BellSouth offerings and position yourself as a consultant!

If customer responds with	THEN you will	And
YES	Read names of available carriers	Select chosen carrier for order
NO, I want BellSouth	Thank customer for choosing BellSouth	Select BellSouth for order
NO, I want ABC company	Accept decision	Select ABC company for order
I'm not sure	Advise Customer BellSouth will continue to carry local calling zone calls until we are notified of a selection other than BellSouth	Select BellSouth for order

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS (continued)

EXISTING CUSTOMERS

Existing customers may call BellSouth for information or to change their service. We can use the following chart to decide what action to take:

IF customer request is	THEN you will		
For information only	Explain he/she has a choice of carriers to handle local Calling Zone Long Distance		
То	Attempt to Save the Service	**	
Change			
Carrier	IF Save attempt is	THEN	
	Successful	Thank the customer	
		for using BellSouth	
	Unsuccessful	Refer the customer	
		to other carrier	
		to place order ***	
To add another line	Follow instructions for New Customer when negotiating		
	LPIC on the new line.		
For a list of carriers	Refer caller to Customer Guide pages of the directory.		
	Explain to customer this is a list of the current inter-LATA		
	carriers. They will need to contact the carrier to determine		
	if the carrier will also carry intra-LATA calls. Read list of carriers only if customer requests.		

- ** Save attempt should highlight the advantages of BellSouth local long distance service. (Ex. BellSouth has expertise is servicing the needs of Small Business customers in your area, BellSouth is local!) We will use this type of positive approach rather than comparing ourselves with our competitors.
- *** If the customer prefers, the BellSouth representative should take order.



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DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS (continued_

TRANSFER OF SERVICE (T & F) Customers who transfer their service will need to advise us of the carrier selected to handle their 1+ local toll calls. (This is no different from negotiating PIC on a T order)

Customers who state they simply want to keep the same carrier they have now should be advised they have choices as follows:

IF existing carrier is	THEN advise customer	AND
LPCA "DF" (default) or BellSouth LPIC 5124	BellSouth will be glad to continue providing service	verify and/or change customer records to LPCA "BO"
Undecided "UN"	- No election made yet - Ask if BellSouth can continue to provide service	- Select carrier of choice - see notes 1-3
ABC carrier	Offer ONLY ONCE that BellSouth also can provide service	Make no attempt to overcome objections. Select carrier of choice -see notes 1-3
Non-negotiate	Offer ONLY ONCE that BellSouth also can provide the service	Make no attempt to overcome objections. Select carrier of choice - see notes 1-3

NOTE (1)	Follow existing on-line transfer procedures if the carrier participates and if the 1+ local toll and interLATA carriers are the same. If both carriers are not the same, do not offer on-line transfer.
NOTE (2)	If existing carrier requests that BellSouth not negotiate orders for them at the new "t" address advise customer another selection is necessary to complete order and change charge will apply to make a change at a later date.
NOTE (3)	If the quoted carrier that has requested we not negotiate orders for them calls with the customer on the line, the carrier should be instructed to submit the order through their mechanized process.



MISCELLANEOUS Customers may have other miscellaneous requests related 1+ LOCAL TOLL to their 1+ local toll service. Examples of some miscellaneous requests and action we should take follows:

IF request pertains to	AND	THEN
Unauthorized LPIC	LPCA code is not DF, BO, UN, or FR	Refer to EASC
Inability to dial 1+ toll calls	order has posted to account	Refer customer to carrier to assure account activated
Pending mechanized order	Pending LPIC selection is not BellSouth	Refer customer to carrier to confirm or cancel order
Change of LPIC	Selected choice is not BellSouth	Refer customer to selected carrier to place order **

** If customer prefers, BellSouth representative should agree to take order.

NOTE:

DO NOT CANCEL ANOTHER CARRIER'S PENDING MECHANIZED ORDERS unless the customer refused to contact the carrier themselves. If the customer insists that you cancel another carrier's 1+ local toll pending order, your BOCRIS notation must include "RETN" and the full name of the party requesting that you cancel the mechanized order.

ON-LINE TRANSFER

If the local toll and interLATA carrier choices are the same and the carrier participates in on-line transfer, follow existing on line transfer procedures.

If both carrier choices are not the same do not offer to on line transfer. Instruct the customer to contact each carrier.

If BellSouth is the only local toll carrier and the InterLATA carrier is the same on all lines, and the carrier participates in on-line transfer, follow existing on line transfer procedures.

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LIST OF CARRIER REQUESTS

Customers calling the SBTC to request a list of carriers (Verbal/written) should be referred to their directory.

CARRIER INFORMATION

Request for other carrier's information such as rates, calling plans, access codes, etc. should be referred to the carrier.

NOTE: Calls may be received requesting information about BellSouth's compatibility with another carrier's service or a comparison of rates. We must only discuss BellSouth rates.

BILLED CHARGES FOR 1+ LOCAL

Customer inquiries may be received regarding billed charges for 1+ local toll changes.

Examples of when LPIC charges apply include:

- orders issued to change LPIC only
- change of LPIC selection on regrade of 2 party to individual line
- changes to carrier selection on transfer of contract orders (must be subsequent "C" order following the "N" or "R" order)

RULE:

A LPIC change charge applies each time the LPIC is changed. This charge is in addition to charges billed for any interLATA (PIC) charges billed.

NOTE:

CRIS billing systems automatically applies the LPIC change charge when applicable. Should the need arise to waive the charge, the FID BI WIPC is used in the BILL

section.

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1+ LOCAL PCA CODES

Listed below are valid 1+ local PCA selection codes:

во	Business Office negotiated
	customer - end user initiated
CL	Carrier List
CM	Carrier Mechanized
CP	Carrier Paid
CV	Carrier Verbal
DF	Default - 1+ local toll only
EA	UPIC - Unauthorized PIC
EB	Electronic Bonding
EP	Electronic Bonding - IC Pay PIC
ES	Expedited Switchback
FR	PIC Freeze
MF	Merger Freeze
MG	Merger
MR	Manual Resolution
RT	Righttouch
SE	System External - Administrative
	Management Service (AMS)
SF	Expedited PIC switchback - FREEZE
SI	System Internal Administrative
	Management (AMS)
SR	Submitted Reseller
UF	UPIC - FREEZE
UN	Undecided - 1+ local toll only
WB	Winback- indicates customer changed intraLATA
	carriers back to BellSouth - USED ONLY BY

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WINBACK GROUP

BILLING INQUIRIES

The CRIS billing system will automatically apply the tariff rate for the LPIC change charge. The current rate is \$1.49. Following are some examples on 1+ local toll billing information.

RULE: (LPIC)

Appropriate change charge applies whenever a 1+ local toll or interLATA (PIC) Interexchange carrier is changed. If both the LPIC and PIC are changed simultaneously, whether same or different, BOTH change charges apply. Both change charges apply because there are two (2) activities (LPIC & PIC) worked in the switch.

LPIC CHARGE POLICY

- LPIC change charge of \$1.49 applies on a per line basis
- Orders including work in addition to LPIC charges will incur other appropriate charges.
- There is no charge to change from UN to a carrier.
- The LPIC change charge is in addition to charges billed for InterLATA (PIC) changes.
- A change of LPIC on a regrade of a 2 party line to an individual line (regrade charges may also apply) and
- Change of carrier of a transfer of contract

OC&C

Anytime a LPIC change activity occurs on a customers account the following OC&C phrase will be used:

One time charge for changing your 1+ IntraLata toll long distance company to (Name of Carrier)

WAIVE LPIC

To waive the charge for the LPIC a special FID is shown in the BILL section of the order.

---BILL BI WIPC

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SERVICE ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE Service orders to change or add a Local Toll carrier can not be issued prior to the Network switch NPA/NXX conversion date. This information will be populated on COFFI screen.

EXHIBIT

SERVICE ORDER The service order entry will appear as follows:

II 1FB /PIC XXXX/PCA XX, mm-dd-yy /LPIC XXXX/LPCA XX, mm-dd-yy

OR

C1 1FB /PIC XXXX/PCA XX, mm-dd-yy /LPIC XXXX/LPCA XX, mm-dd-yy T1 1FB /PIC XXXX/PCA XX, mm-dd-yy /LPIC XXXX/LPCA XX, mm-dd-yy

UNCHANGED **PROCEDURES**

Several existing unchanged equal access procedures also apply to Local Toll. The procedures include the handling of:

- * referral of unauthorized PIC changes to the Equal Access Service Center (EASC)
- * non-listed/non-published disclosure
- * PIC verification (the intraLATA PIC verification number is 1+NPA 700-4141)
- * bill adjustments
- * social security number consent and
- * dialing instructions

PROPRIETA

Attachment I

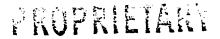
PRESUBSCRIPTION Bill insert copy

Effective June 1, 1996, in response to a decision by the Florida Public Service commission (PSC), other Telecommunications companies can compete with BellSough by offering their services for local toll calls inside your BellSouth Calling Zone. Due to the need to convert existing technical systems, this will be a gradual statewide implementation, beginning June 1, 1996 and completing January 1, 1997.

After implementation, you may continue to use BellSouth for these local toll calls, or choose another company.

BellSouth will continue to provide local telephone service and all local toll calls on BellSouth payphones.

You may receive information from long distance companies marketing their services. If you want to select another company to handle your local toll calls, you should call that company or the BellSouth Business office anytime after 6/1/96. There may be a charge for each change you make in long distance companies.



Attachment II

1+ LOCAL INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION Preliminary O&A's

- Q.1. Do I have to make a choice? I don't want to change.
- A.1. No. BellSouth will continue to provide service unless you make an active decision to change to another company.
- Q.2. Are BellSouth's rates lower than ABC company?
- A.2. Advise the customer that you will be glad to provide the BellSouth rates for specific calls.: However, they will need to call the other companies for a quote of their rates for a comparison.
- Q.3. I received this notice, but my friend did not get it. Why can't he have the choice too?
- A.3. This conversion is a gradual process spread over the next seven months. Exchanges are being converted a few at a time due to the technical changes required for this implementation.
- Q.4. How much will it cost me to change my local toll company?
- A.4. The cost is \$1.49 to change your local toll company. If you change both local toll and long distance carriers at the same time, an additional \$1.49 is applicable. This charge will not be applicable when customers are defaulted initially to BellSouth, but only when a carrier change is made.
- Q.5. How will this plan impact any ACS plans?
- A.5. Due to the various mandated and non-mandated plans, the impacts to ACS plans will be addressed in another document.



September 6, 1995

To:

Cathy Parker, Manager - BSAC Deborah W. King, Manager - CBAC Genece Minshew, Manager - DCSC

Wayne Skelton, Manager - MAC (Florida) Harvey Lusthaus, Manager - MAC (Florida) Diane Rodriguez, Manager - MAC (Florida)

Terry Moore, Manager - Corporate Communications (Florida)

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Reva Flaherty, Staff Manager - State Staff (Florida)

Anthony Francis, Manager - Product and Services Support

From:

Carolyn Coleman, Manager - Product and Services Support

Subject:

Implementation of 1+ Local Toll Presubscription in Florida

Background

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) issued an order on 02/12/95 that required BeilSouth and other local exchange companies to provide 1+ local toll access to other carriers. The Florida tariff was filed and approved with an effective date of 9/1/95. The implementation date is 10/15/95.

Similar orders have been issued by PSCs in Georgia and Florida and tariffs have been filed in those states.

THE RACE IS ON!

It is here, now! Customers now have a choice as to who carries their 1+ local toll calls. The attached bulletin is provided to introduce the arrival of competition to our customer contact personnel and provide some basic information which can be used to answer initial customer calls.

Methods and Procedures Methods and Procedures and contact scripts will be delivered by September 29, 1995 pending conclusion of the End to End tests (ETET) under way in Florida.

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Implementation of 1+ Local Toll Presubscription in Florida (continued)

Coverage Required Please cover all contact personnel on the attached information by September 15, 1995. Customers will begin receiving bills with inserts or letters (for CLUB and EDI customers) during the following week.

Questions Please call me on (404) 728-7415 if I can provide further information.

Attachments

September 6, 1995

Urgent Message

To:

All BBS Service Centers/Customer Contact Personnel

From:

Carolyn Coleman. BBS Product and Services Support

Subject:

1+ Local Toll Presubscription is Here!

Q. What new attraction does Florida have besides SHAMU, KING KONG, and GAK?

A. COMPETITION!

1 + Local Toll Presubscription is Here!

What is It?

Toll calls dialed as 1÷ or 0+ within the customer's local toll calling zone are carried by BellSouth today. The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) issued an order requiring BellSouth and other local exchange companies to allow 1+ and 0+ local toll access to other interexchange carriers. Similar orders have been issued in Kentucky and Georgia.

Customers may now presubscribe to (or choose) companies other than BellSouth for local toll calling.

How Are We Going
To Do This?

Starting October 15, 1995, selected NPA/NXX's will convert to 1+ local toll equal access on a weekly basis. The conversions will take place on Sundays and will continue until the entire state is converted. This process could take up to two years. The Florida network conversion schedule is included as Attachment I.

1+ Local Toll Presubscription (continued)

Customer Notification

Customers in the affected central offices will be notified via a bill insert beginning with the September 16th billing periods. This insert is generic and gives basic information about the PSC order. (See Attach. II)

BBS customers with CLUB or EDI billing will receive letters regarding the 1+ local toll implementation. This letter will be the same information on the bill insert.

GOOD NEWS!

The good news is that the customer does not have to make an active choice to continue receiving BellSouth's local toll service. Customers that do not choose a local toll carrier at this time will remain presubscribed to BellSouth.

After conversions are completed, customers will have the ability to change their local toll carrier any time they choose. They will constantly evaluate our level of service and our prices. You can make a difference by continuing to provide the excellent customer service that is BellSouth's standard!

What Do I Tell Customers When They Call?

Attachment III is a list of possible questions with answers that may be used as guidelines for handling customer calls.

Contact scripts and methods are under development and will be available prior to implementation.

YOU Are BellSouth!

Remember, you are an important ambassador for our Company and the service we provide. You have hundreds of opportunities every day to ensure that we *keep* the customers that we have by providing courteous and efficient customer service.

Questions

Please call Carolyn Coleman on (404) 728-7415 if you have questions related to this document or if you want to add to the list of Q&As in Attachment III.

Attachments (3)

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, B.C. 20534

IN ASPLY MEFER TO:

September 26, 1995

Mr. Ronald R. Conners
Director of NANP Administration
LCC 1B-233
290 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

Dear Mr. Conners:

On March 17 the Commission's Common Farrier Bureau at your request instructed you to impose a limit or one three-digit of four-digit Carrier Identification Code (CIC) assignment for each new applicant. The Bureau took this action based on your recommendation that this limit would protest against depletion of the only codes available for assignment until switches and PBXs throughout the country have installed the software needed to recognize all possible four digit CICs, a multi-year effort. Our motivation has been to assure that the maximum number of carriers could receive at least one CIC during this transition period. We now conclude that the restriction on code assignment can be relaxed to some extent without andangering that goal.

As you are aware. CICs are needed when an entity purchases Feature Group B (FG 3) or Feature Group D (FG D) from a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC). Traditionally, the LEC uses a CIC in three ways: (1) to identify a customer's chosen PIC (primary interexchange carrier, i.e., long distance carrier of choice) under equal access (i.e., presubscription) when the customer dials 1÷ a ten digit telephone number, or (2) to identify a carrier when a customer has dialed a five digit Carrier Access Code (CAC) (i.e., 10XXX) plus 10 digit telephone number, where XXX is the carrier's CIC) to reach a long distance carrier other than his/her presubscribed carrier, and (3) to bill the long distance carrier for the access charges associated with FG B or FG D traffic.

There are approximately 970 combination of three digits that can be used as CICs. By the late 1980's, more than 70 percent of these codes had been assigned. This prompted the industry, under the auspices of the Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum (ICCF), to develop a plan to replace three digit CICs with four digit CICs. In 1983, the industry adopted a two-phased approach for this transition. In the first phase, FG B and FG D CICs were split by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NaNPA) into two separate pools of

Mr. Ronald R. Conners Page 2.

numbers. Previously, a carrier used one CIC for either FG B or FG D access, but under Phase One, a carrier needed to apply separately for either a FG B or FG D CIC. During the first phase, FG B CICs automatically expanded to four digits by adding a 0 as the first digit of the CIC (e.g., the CIC 234 would become 0254). In the second phase, however, the digits dialed by the customer (i.e., the CAC) must expanded from five (10XXX) to seven (101XXXX) for FG D CICs. The plan defined a "transition period" during which a customer could dial either a five digit and seven digit CAC to reach her desired carrier. For technical reasons, only CICs in the range of 5,000 and 6,000 would be assigned during this transition period. The industry, however, could not reach consensus on the length of this transition period and asked the Commission to intervene. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), In the Matter of Administration of the North American Numbering Plan (CC Docket No. 92-237), we sought public comment on the appropriate length of the permissive dialing period. We continue to review the record in this proceeding.

Since our last correspondence in March, however, it has been brought to our attention that there may be some instances in which there may be good cause for a carrier to receive an additional CIC. Several states are now requiring intrastate intraLATA toll parity (i.e., intraLATA presubscription). This type of presubscription will allow a customer to pick the carrier of her choice to carry her intrastate, intraLATA toll traffic. Previously that traffic had been carried only by the originating LEC. In order to compete on equal terms with other entities, some carriers in these states require a separate CIC to route and bill their presubscribed intraLATA customer traffic. We find that assigning an additional CIC to entities who meet certain criteria outlined below would promote competition in that arena.

This letter directs Bellcore to assign to a carrier one four-digit CIC per entity requesting a CIC specifically for the purpose of being able to compete in the presubscription process in any state that mandates intraLATA presubscription after January 1, 1996 (e.g., through final order by state public utility or service commission or state legislation), provided that the carrier requesting the CIC certifies to Bellcore that it cannot use a CIC currently assigned to it for this purpose and will use the newly assigned CIC only for intraLATA presubscription. The same CIC shall be used in all states in which that carrier participates in intraLATA presubscription service. This letter modifies the one CIC per entity measure only in this limited manner. Thus, a carrier not yet assigned a CIC will be eligible to apply for two CICs: one under the one CIC per entity requirement still in effect and one for purposes of intraLATA presubscription. Those entities already assigned one or more CICs will be eligible to receive an additional CIC if it is used for intraLATA presubscription.

We further direct you kindly to send, by fax, a copy of all letters issued after 12:01 a.m., eastern time. September 26, 1995, in which you approved the assignment of a new CIC. In cases where you have denied assignment of CICs, we direct that for each denial you provide us with the name of the company whose request you denied, the point of contact within that company and the reason why the CIC was not assigned. Please transmit by fax, to Mary De Luca at 202/418-2345 a list containing this information for all denials occurring in each calendar month by Friday of the first complete week of the following month. Any

cons you may have should also be directed to Ms. De Luca at 202/418-2334.

We intend that the requirements imposed both by this letter and by our March 17.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M.H. Wallman

Chief. Common Carrier Bureau

cc: Marian Gordon, FCC

Wendy Messer, Bellcore