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Re: Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Protest/Request for Clarification of Proposed Agency Action, which we ask that you file in the above-referenced matter.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition of Competitive)	
Carriers for Commission Action)	Docket No. 981834-TP
To Support Local Competition)	
In BellSouth's Service Territory)	
In re: Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a)	
Accelerated Connections, Inc. for)	Docket No. 990321-TP
Generic Investigation into Terms and)	
Conditions of Physical Collocation)	
)	FILED: September 28, 1999

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATION, INC.'S PROTEST/REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth") hereby protests portions of Order No. PSC-99-1744-PAA-TP ("Order") issued on September 7, 1999, in which the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") set forth procedures and guidelines applicable to collocation. At the Agenda at which guidelines were discussed, BellSouth indicated that it supported these guidelines, however, certain issues have arisen that make this protest/request for clarification necessary. In support of its protest/request for clarification, BellSouth states:

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2. The names of BellSouth's representatives in this proceeding are:

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- BellSouth is a local exchange company providing local exchange and intraLATA toll service in Florida.
- 4. BellSouth protests the Commission's requirement to respond to a complete and correct application for collocation within 15 calendar days. BellSouth has been advised by some ALECs that this requirement is being interpreted by them to mean a response that includes not only whether space exists for collocation in the central office at issue, but also engineering and other technical details as well as price and cost estimates. It is BellSouth's interpretation that the response required is concerned solely with whether space exists for collocation.
- 5. BellSouth cannot provide a response, as envisioned by the ALECs, within 15 days. When BellSouth receives an application for collocation, it first determines whether space is available within the requested central office. If space is available and all information required for the processing of the application is received, BellSouth selects the location and configuration of the space and determines the central office infrastructure requirements. Central Office infrastructure requirements include power, air-conditioning, racking, etc. Based on the Central Office infrastructure requirements, a cost estimate is developed. This information is then used to respond to the ALEC. Fifteen days is insufficient time to accomplish these steps.
- 6. BellSouth protests the guideline requiring ILECs to identify space housing obsolete or retired equipment in any Petition for Waiver. BellSouth submits that the

word "retired" should be replaced with "unused". Paragraph 60 of FCC Order 99-48, adopted March 18, 1999, specifically uses the term "obsolete unused" and BellSouth avers this language should be used in the guideline.

- 7. BellSouth protests the guideline requiring ILECs to provision physical collocation within 90 days or virtual collocation within 60 days to the extent these provisioning intervals include the time spent obtaining any needed permits and to the extent the intervals apply to extraordinary situations or conditions.
- 8. The time required to secure a permit is out of BellSouth's control and should not be included in the provisioning interval. It is illegal for construction to begin prior to receiving a permit. There is no typical permit processing time because every project is unique and each building permit office has its own requirements. Thus, BellSouth believes the permitting process should not be counted as part of the provisioning intervals.
- 9. In addition, certain "extraordinary" situations may arise that make it impossible for BellSouth to comply with this guideline. Examples of extraordinary conditions can include the need for environmental abatement and major upgrades for power and air conditioning. Situations involving extraordinary conditions should not fall under the provisioning intervals of the guidelines; instead, the provisioning intervals for these situations should be negotiated between the ILECs and the ALECs.

- 10. BellSouth seeks clarification of various guidelines and their application to denials of collocation for "technically infeasible" reasons. The Commission's guideline is that if an ILEC intends to deny collocation, then it must file a Notice of Intent to Seek Waivers of Physical Collocation requirements and that notice must include a reason for the denial, i.e., technically infeasible or lack of space. What is unclear is whether the Commission's guidelines for filing a waiver, for tours, and for post-tour reports are applicable to a "technically infeasible" based denial. Also unclear is whether the definition of a "technically infeasible" includes a condition that exists within the central office that makes collocation technically infeasible or a condition that is technically infeasible because of the proposed collocation arrangement or both. BellSouth seeks clarification on these issues.
- 11. BellSouth notes for the record, that the guidelines that are the subject of Order No. PSC-99-1744-PAA-TP, were subject solely to the notice provided by the staff recommendation and the only comment allowed was that of the agenda process. BellSouth further notes that no rulemaking was had on these guidelines and that, therein, the Commission has affected the terms and conditions of existing, freely negotiated collocation agreements.
- 12. The substantial interests of BellSouth are affected by the Order in that BellSouth cannot comply with the requirements therein.

- 13. The only issue of material fact is whether BellSouth can comply with the requirements discussed herein.
- BellSouth is entitled to relief under Chapter 120 and Chapter 364, Florida
 Statutes, and Chapter 25-22, Florida Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth protests those portions of the Order discussed herein, requests that a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57 be held on this issue, and requests that the Commission grant such other relief as is necessary and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September, 1999.

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