

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re:

Petition for Arbitration of BlueStar Networks, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 991838-TP

Filed: December 21, 1999

REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION BY A QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE

BlueStar Networks, Inc. (BlueStar), through its undersigned counsel, submits its Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, in the above-referenced proceeding, and states as follows:

- 1. BlueStar is a certified alternative local exchange carrier and provides service in the state of Florida. BlueStar is located at 401 Church Street, 24th Floor, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37201.
- 2. Any pleading, motion, notice, order or other document required to be served upon the petitioner or filed by any party relative to this Request for Representation should be served upon the following individuals:

Vicki Gordon Kaufman McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson, Decker, Kaufman, Arnold & Steen, P.A. 117 South Gadsden Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850)222-2525 (telephone) (850)222-5606 (fax)

3. This petition is filed pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code. Rule 28-106.106(2)(a) requires that BlueStar submit a written request to the presiding officer in the event that BlueStar elects to be represented before the Commission by a qualified representative. BlueStar

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hereby submits such a request.

4. BlueStar seeks leave of the presiding officer for the individual identified below to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of BlueStar for any purpose and in all matters or proceedings conducted before the Commission in connection with Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-TP.

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150 Fayetteville Street Mall, Suite 1400
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- 5. Consistent with Rule 25-106.106(2)(b), BlueStar hereby affirms that it is aware of the services Mr. Doyle can provide and, further, that BlueStar can elect to be represented solely by "counsel," as that term is defined by Rule 28-106.106(1). Indeed, BlueStar has elected to be represented in this matter by other attorneys in addition to Mr. Doyle.
- 6. BlueStar submits that Mr.Doyle possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent BlueStar's interests in this matter. In this regard, Mr. Doyle's qualifications are set forth in the attached affidavit.
- 7. As reflected in Mr. Doyle's affidavit, he: (i) is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of Nebraska, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; (ii) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction, (iii) has reviewed the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; and (iv) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes related to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding.
 - 8. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.107, Mr. Doyle has acquired or

will acquire actual knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as his representation of BlueStar is concerned in the above-referenced proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, BlueStar Networks, Inc. requests that Mr. Doyle be permitted to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of BlueStar Networks, Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of BlueStar Network, Inc.'s Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative has been furnished by (*) hand delivery or U. S. Mail this 21st day of December 1999 to the following:

(*)Beth Keating Staff Counsel Florida Public Service Commission Division of Legal Services 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Vicki Gordon Kaufman

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AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN DOYLE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **COUNTY OF WAKE**

- I. John Doyle, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am an associate in the law firm of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, LLP, First Union Capitol Center, 150 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.
- 2. I am a member in good standing of the Nebraska, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania Bars and am seeking to be designated as a qualified representative in the above-captioned docket pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. I have served as legal counsel to the Nebraska Public Service Commission and have participated in proceedings that have involved the examination and resolution of factual and legal issues similar to those under consideration in the above-captioned docket.
- 4. I am familiar with the relevant portions of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Florida Administrative Code, and the Florida Rules of Evidence.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct based on my knowledge, information, and belief.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 164 day of December, 1999 by John Doyle, who () is personally known to me; or () who has presented

identification.

Commission Number:

My Commission expires: 9-30-2002

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