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PROCEEDINGS

(Hearing convened at 9:30 a.m.)

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CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'm going to go ahead and

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call the prehearing to order. Counsel, could you read

MS. BARONE: Pursuant to notice issued on

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the notice?

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August 1st, 1997, this time and place have been set 7

of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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for a prehearing conference in Docket No. 960786-TL,

consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s

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entry into interLATA services pursuant to Section 271

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CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Take appearances.

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MR. COHEN: Bob Cohen of Tallahassee for

MR. WIGGINS: Patrick Wiggins of Tallahassee

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Time Warner ESSX of Florida Limited Partnership and

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Digital Media Partners.

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for Intermedia Communications, Inc. I'd also like to

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enter an appearance for Donna Canzano this morning as

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MS. WHITE: Nancy White, Phil Carver and

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Hoffman, of the law firm of Rutledge, Ecenia,

John Marks for BellSouth Telecommunications.

Underwood, Purnell & Hoffman, on behalf of TCG and

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Michael McRae, in-house counsel for TCG.

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MR. WILLINGHAM: Bill Willingham and Ken

1	mg. kaufman: Vicki Gordon Kaufman and Joe
2	McGlothlin, McWhirther, Reeves, McGlothlin, Davidson,
3	Rief & Bakas, on behalf of the Florida Competitive
4	Carriers Association.
5	MS. RULE: Marsha Rule and Tracy Hatch, on
6	behalf of AT&T.
7	MR. MELSON: Richard Melson of the law firm
8	Hopping Green Sams and Smith, P.A. on behalf of MCI
9	Telecommunications. Also Tom Bond of MCI.
10	MR. HORTON: Norman H. Horton and Floyd R.
11	Self, Messer, Caparello & Self, on behalf American
12	Communication Services, Inc.
13	mr. self: Floyd Self and Norman H. Horton,
14	Messer Caperello and Self, appearing on behalf of
15	Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. and
16	WorldCom, Inc. And we'd also like to enter an
17	appearance for Richard Rindler and Morton Posner of
18	Swidler & Berlin in Washington, D.C.
19	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Who do you all represent
20	again between the two of you?
21	MR. SELF: Representing MFS, Metropolitan
22	Fiber Systems, as well as WorldCom, which are MFS
23	was merged into WorldCom. You'll also see references
24	on one of the sheets to LDDS; it's the same company.
25	WorldCom for all of those.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay.

MR. BOYD: Everett Boyd of the Ervin Varn law firm in Tallahassee, and Ben Fincher of the Sprint office in Atlanta on behalf of Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership and Sprint Metropolitan Networks, Inc.

MS. WILSON: Laura Wilson on behalf of Florida Cable Telecommunication Association.

MS. BARONE: Monica M. Barone, Beth
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of Commission Staff.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Are there any preliminary matters for any of the parties?

MS. KAUFMAN: Chairman Johnson, the Association has some preliminary matters.

And the first of those preliminary matters deal with the number of words for the posthearing statement as well as the page limit for the brief.

And I've discussed our request with some of the parties, and we think that given the significance, the length of this case, the number of witnesses and the issues, we'd like to request that the normal 50 words for the posthearing statements be extended to 75, and that the 60-page limit for the briefs be extended to

100 pages. 1 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Is there any objections 2 Staff? to that? 3 MS. BARONE: We don't object. 4 Then show that reflected. CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: 5 We'll extend it given the gravity of the issues --6 heck, the Prehearing Order is about 70 pages, so 7 understanding the issues, we'll do those extensions. 8 MS. KAUFMAN: Along those lines we have 9 another request, and that is we think it would be very 10 helpful to the Commissioners if we were allowed to 11 give an opening statement in this case. And again having discussed this with some of the parties, we thought that a reasonable time limit would be either three minutes a party, that works out for 30 minutes a side, and when I say side, I'm considering that 16 17 BellSouth would have 30 minutes and that the other parties would work together to divide up their time so 18 it wouldn't be repetitious and it would give an 19 overview of the case and kind of road map to where 20 21 we're going. 22 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Any objections to that? 23

MS. BARONE: No, ma'am.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I actually have bias

towards opening statements, so I think that's fine.

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MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And Bell is fine with the breakup?

MS. WHITE: We're not thrilled but we can live with it. (Laughter)

MS. KAUFMAN: Thank you, Chairman Johnson.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Anything else?

MS. WHITE: Yes. BellSouth -- well, really on behalf of all of the parties, there's been a large amount of customer-specific information that is coming out in this docket. And by "customers" I mean to BellSouth it's their ALEC customers, company-specific information to the ALECs that only BellSouth and that company has.

Staff wants to use some of that in this proceeding. So the parties and Staff have talked together and we're going to be filing a joint motion for a permanent protective order that will allow counsel of record for the parties to receive this information, to use it in this docket, and it will cover certain subpoenaed information from BellSouth as well as some late-filed deposition exhibits. But as I said, it will protect the information that BellSouth has given to the Commission concerning the ALECs and what they're doing in Florida.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Any other comments on that then? Is there another issue?

MS. WHITE: I'm thinking of the opening statements that we talked about a few minutes ago. I guess what I'd like to talk about maybe is the order of the opening statements and whether BellSouth would be able to preserve any time after the other parties give their opening statements to respond.

but this is open for suggestions — that you would open up and that you could reserve as much of your 30 minutes as you wanted to for the actual rebuttal if you'd like, unless — given the fact that the other parties have five minutes each, you can't anticipate everything they are going to say. There will probably be questions of you based upon what they say. So I think it would be appropriate for you to split your time up.

MS. WHITE: That would be great. Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Any other questions or any other comments about that process? We're trying to be as fluid as we can. This will be an exercise to help educate the Commissioners. It won't be an opportunity -- because none of you are sworn, so we

won't take that as testimony, but just to kind of key up the issues for us and give us what we should focus on and what you think we should think about, I think that will be a very appropriate exercise. Anything else?

MS. BARONE: I believe the parties have some other issues, but they can be taken up as we go through the Prehearing Order.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. We'll just go page by page and when we get to pages or issues or sections where you have questions, or if I have questions, I'll just stop at the appropriate time. Page 1 and Page 2 are fine. Page 3, Page 4, all preliminary information, of course. Page 5. Page 6, order of witnesses. Are there any changes here? Are there any suggestions? Anything that you need to bring to my attention?

MS. KAUFMAN: Chairman Johnson, just back on Page 5, I'm assuming that corrections under the posthearing procedures will be made in light of your ruling.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Yes. Those will be reflected.

MR. MELSON: Commissioner Johnson, on the order of witnesses, Mr. Wood is available only the

first week of the hearing. We've chatted briefly with BellSouth and believe we could simply designate him for Friday of the first week and I think that would be acceptable.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Then Friday the 5th.

MR. MELSON: 5th, yes, ma'am.

MR. WIGGINS: Commissioner Johnson, we have two witnesses, Intermedia does, Ms. Strow and Mr. Chase. Ms. Strow is not available on the 5th, which is Friday, or the morning of the 6th, which is Saturday, and Mr. Chase is not available that day at all. In all likelihood, that won't even be an issue, but I wanted to mention it in the prehearing conference so we could have any flexibility. We would just have to take them out of sequence if that came up that way.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I'm sorry, who were the witnesses again?

MR. WIGGINS: Strow, S-T-R-O-W, Intermedia, and Chase. They're down toward the bottom of the page, on Page 6. It's probably unlikely they would be arrived at on that Friday or Saturday but I wanted to mention it anyway.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Tell me once again when are they not available?

MR. WIGGINS: Ms. Strow on Friday the 5th, 1 and the morning of Saturday the 6th, and Mr. Chase on 2 Saturday the 6th. 3 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Then we'll reflect that, 4 that they are unavailable on those dates so we can 5 accommodate them and they will not be called on those 7 dates. MR. WILLINGHAM: TCG also has one witness 8 has a limited schedule. Paul Kouroupas who is a rebuttal witness unavailable on the 3rd, 4th and the 11 10th. MS. BARONE: 3rd, 4th and the --12 13 MR. WILLINGHAM: And the 10th. MS. BARONE: Thank you. 14 MS. KAUFMAN: Mr. Gillian also needs to 15 16 testify the first week of the hearing. And I'm going to have to check, I'm not sure about his availability 17 18 on 9-6. 19 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Ms. Rule. MS. BARONE: Madam Chairman, before we move 20 on, may I make a point at this time? With respect to 21 BellSouth's witnesses, I need to put the Chairman on notice we may not get through all of those witnesses 23

during the first week, and I believe Mr. Gillian is

only available the first week.

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1	MS. KAUFMAN: If it's all right,
2	Chairman Johnson, let me check with Mr. Gillian and
3	notify Ms. Barone as to his availability. It was my
4	understanding he was only available that first week,
5	but let me double-check on that.
6	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. And Ms. Rule, did
7	you have
8	MR. BOYD: Commissioner, our witness,
9	Ms. Closz, is scheduled the fourth from the last. She
10	has a conflict on the last three days of the hearing
11	so we would ask some consideration in moving her up.
12	She would be available on Saturday the 6th so she
13	could be designated on that day if necessary.
14	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: She would be available on
15	the 6th or the 8th? Just not the last three days.
16	MR. BOYD: Just the last three days is her
17	problem.
18	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: We could probably
19	accomodate that.
20	MS. BARONE: Yes. We could make her date-
21	certain for the 6th.
22	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Let's make her date-
23	certain for the 8th. (Laughter) Just in case.
24	MS. BARONE: We will do that.
25	CHAIDMAN JOHNSON: Are there any other

issues with our witnesses? Have we accurately reflected the issues upon which they will testify?

Okay. We'll note all of the conflicts and date certains and dates that witnesses aren't available in the final order.

Positions of the parties. Page 7, section 5. BellSouth is yours fine?

MS. WHITE: (Nods head.)

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MR. WIGGINS: I was just going to say in order -- so I wouldn't have to say anything more today -- we identified Issues 4 and 6, and have already provided those to Staff as well as identification -- word identification for the exhibits of our witnesses, we have given that to Staff as well.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. All of the parties provided us with their basic positions.

Any changes to the basic positions? Seeing none,

Page 19 then, issues and positions.

Issue 1.A. All of the parties have stated their positions. No changes.

1.B. There are a couple of places where parties didn't state positions. If I overlooked that remind me when I get to the issue if you haven't stated a position. I'd like for us to explore why those positions haven't been stated and when we can

1	expect to have a position stated. I understand the
2	comments made by Mr. Wiggins. 1.B. any changes?
3	Great. 1 C. Issue 2. Issue 3. No changes? Issue
4	4.
5	MR. SELF: Chairman Johnson, on Page 35,
6	WorldCom's position, which is indicated by MFSFL, the
7	change that we would have is after the word "no", we
8	would strike the rest of that position and our
9	position would simply be "no."
٥١	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I note here that Time
11	Warner has not stated a position on Issue 4.
L2	MR. COHEN: That's correct.
١3	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And your position or
L 4	when will you be in a position to let us know your
L5	position?
L6	MR. COHEN: Probably won't have one on this
L7	particular issue.
18	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: So you're going to take
L9	no position on Issue 4.
20	MR. COHEN: Correct.
21	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: We'll let the record
22	reflect that Time Warner takes no position on Issue 4
23	Issue 5. Issue 6.
24	MS. WILSON: Commissioner Johnson, on Issue
ว ร	6 FCTA's position as Page 38 is changed to "no."

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1	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Any other changes or
2	additions? Issue 7.
3	MS. WILSON: FCTA's position on Page 39 is
4	"no position."
5	MS. WHITE: I'm sorry, on 5 and 6 is that
6	"no position "or "no'?
7	MS. WILSON: Was that question directed to
8	me?
9	MS. WHITE: I'm sorry, yes. I guess what
10	I'm asking is your position "no position," or is your
11	position "no, they have not."
12	ms. wilson: The position is "no" period; on
13	6.
14	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And on 7?
15	MS. WILSON: And on 7 it's "no position"
16	period.
17	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: 8. 9.
18	MS. WILSON: Again, Chairman Johnson, FCTA
19	takes no position on Issue 9.
20	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: No position. Issue 10.
21	MS. WILSON: On Issue 10 FCTA takes the
22	position of "no" period.
23	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Issue 11.
24	MS. WILSON: FCTA takes the position of "no
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1	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Issue 12. Issue 13.
2	MS. WILSON: FCTA takes the position of "no
3	position" period.
4	MR. COHEN: And the same with Time Warner on
5	13.
6	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Time Warner's position is
7	no position.
8	MR. COHEN: Correct.
9	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Issue 14. Any changes?
10	MS. WILSON: Since I'm on a roll, I might as
11	well, FCTA's position is "no" period.
12	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Let me go back to that.
13	On 14 your position is no.
14	MS. WILSON: Correct.
15	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: 15. FCTA.
16	MS. WILSON: It's no position on 15.
17	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: 16.
18	MS. WILSON: FCTA takes no position on 16.
19	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: If there are any changes
20	that need to be reflected, please feel free.
21	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: 17. Any changes? 18.
22	Great. That was easy. Looks like you all did a lot
23	of work to get through those. I appreciate that.
24	We're on Page 60. The exhibit list.
25	MS. BARONE: Madam Chairman, before we get
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1	input from the parties, I'd just like to note for the
2	record that the exhibit list will reflect the order of
3	the witnesses.
4	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And I missed something,
5	on Issue 18 I have that TCG stated in the draft
6	Prehearing Order that they take no position at this
7	time. Is there a formal position for TCG?
8	MR. WILLINGHAM: We still have not been able
9	to formulate a position.
10	COMMISSIONER DEASON: Do you have any idea
11	when you will have a position formulated?
12	MR. WILLINGHAM: We can just go ahead and
13	take no position.
14	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: The same for FCTA? Or
15	MS. WILSON: FCTA will adopt the position of
16	Time Warner on Issue 18.
17	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: And I'm sorry, TCG will
18	take no position.
19	MR. WILLINGHAM: That is correct.
20	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay.
21	MR. BOYD: Chairman Johnson, on Page 59,
22	Issue 18, Sprint's position will be "yes."
23	CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Now, back to the
24	exhibits, Ms. Barone.
25	MR. BARONE: I was just stating that the

exhibit list will reflect the order of the witnesses.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Are there any changes or additions to add to the exhibit list?

MR. MELSON: Commissioner Johnson, MCI propounded some requests for admission to BellSouth that we intend to move into the record. I don't know whether they should be shown on the exhibit list or not. We would intend to handle them when BellSouth begins its case much as you handled the official recognition and so forth.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. I don't believe there's a need to have them reflected here. We'll just handle them in the course of the hearing.

MR. MELSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Thank you for putting me on notice.

MS. BARONE: Madam Chairman, before we go on to proposed stipulations, I would just like to note for the record that Staff has distributed a copy of a tentative list of exhibits to the parties at this time, which reflects certain answers to interrogatories and responses to PODs. The parties earlier stipulated that we could move these into the record by stipulation. I wanted to bring that to your

attention.

Also at the beginning of the hearing we will also ask that the Commission take official recognition of the list of orders. And we have also distributed that list to the parties so they will also be -- we will also ask that this be identified as an exhibit at that time.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. Are there any other proposed stipulations? Seeing none and the pending motion was addressed yesterday, are there any other final matters?

MS. KAUFMAN: Chairman Johnson, I just want to note under the pending motions that the association is going to file today a Motion to Compel in regard to some outstanding BellSouth discovery.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Okay. Anything else?

MR. WIGGINS: Chairman Johnson, I was just reminded on the order of witnesses, back on Page 6

Ms. Strow is actually responsible for all issues, not merely 3A and 15A as listed.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: We'll make sure the order reflects that change.

MR. WIGGINS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Anything else? Any other final matters? Great.

I'd like to thank you all for working diligently to help us have, at least so far, a smooth process. And I would hope that this continues throughout the hearing. Look forward to those 30-minute opening statements. We're adjourned. (Thereupon, the hearing concluded at 10:00 a.m.)

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