



that all CLPs should be required to respond to the questions attached to the August 11, 1997, Order Setting Hearing (and attached hereto as Appendix A) beginning on November 17, 1997, and on the 15th of each month thereafter. This is in lieu of the previous requirement that such reports are to begin on December 1, 1997, and are to be filed on the first of each month thereafter. With respect to the R17-2(k) reports, CLPs are still expected to make their filings to satisfy this requirement on October 15, 1997, as provided in the September 18, 1997, Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133, but CLPs may conflate their Rule R17-2(k) reporting requirement with the above filing on November 17, 1997, and each 15th of the month thereafter. The reasons for this decision are two-fold. First, the reporting of this information by all CLPs in one place and in a common format will be useful to the Commission in assessing BellSouth's application. This is true whether or not this information, or parts of it, have been received in hearing from some of the CLPs. Second, this requirement for information is already in force. It is not an onerous requirement. The action here is simply to advance the date upon which the information is due.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

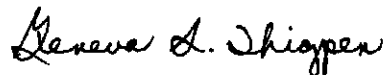
1. That all CLPs shall respond to the questions promulgated in the August 11, 1997, Order in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1022, which are also attached to this Order as Appendix A, on November 17, 1997, and on the 15th of the month thereafter.

2. That all CLPs shall comply with the Rule R17-2(k) reporting requirements on October 15, 1997, but may combine that report with the report required in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 above, beginning November 17, 1997, and on the 15th of the month thereafter.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of October, 1997.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Geneva S. Thigpen, Chief Clerk