

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. P-55, SUB 1022
DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 133

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. P-55, SUB 1022

In the Matter of)	
Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., to Provide In-Region InterLATA Service Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	ORDER ADVANCING DATE FOR INFORMATION FROM CLPs
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DOCKET NO. P-100, SUB 133)	
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In the Matter of)	
Local Exchange and Local Exchange Access Telecommunications Competition)	

BY THE CHAIR: On October 1, 1997, during the hearing in this docket, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), moved that the other parties who are competing local providers (CLPs) be required to submit certain informational filings relatively soon.

BellSouth was apparently referring to the requirement for information of CLPs which was attached to the Commission's August 11, 1997, Order Setting Hearing in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1022. The beginning due date for such filings was December 1, 1997, and monthly thereafter. On September 8, 1997, the Commission had also issued an Order Requiring Reports with reference to Rule R17-2(k) in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133. In that Order, the Commission reminded the CLPs of their reporting obligation under this subsection and stated that these reports are due October 15, 1997, and monthly thereafter. The R17-2(k) reports are significantly less extensive than the reports required above but constitute a long-standing requirement that has not been complied with.

AT&T objected to BellSouth's motion. AT&T indicated that it believed that the questions had already been asked and answered during the hearing. AT&T also noted that BellSouth's motion concerned all CLPs, not simply the CLPs present at the hearing, and should therefore follow the more usual procedure of a written motion to be followed by written responses. Other intervenors joined in AT&T's response.

Although not unsympathetic to the procedural concerns raised by the intervenor, the Chair after careful consideration concludes that BellSouth's motion should be granted and

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:

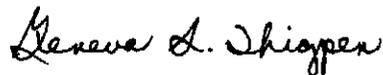
1. That all CLPs shall respond to the questions promulgated in the August 11, 1997, Order in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1022, which are also attached to this Order as Appendix A, on November 17, 1997, and on the 15th of the month thereafter.

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