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- 5) BellSouth shall notify MFS-FL and MCImetro 48 hours in advance of any scheduled testing or maintenance and provide immediate notification of any unscheduled outage.
- 6) BellSouth shall provide MFS-FL and MCImetro with mechanized access to any database used for provisioning E911 service. MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth shall work together and file with this Commission, within 60 days from the issuance of this order, a comprehensive proposal for mechanized access to any database used for provisioning E911 service. The proposal shall include cost and price support, and a list of operational procedures.
- 7) If a municipality has converted to E911 service, the ALEC shall forward 911 calls to the appropriate E911 primary tandem along with the ANI, based upon the current E911 end office to tandem homing arrangement as provided by BellSouth.

VIII. OPERATOR HANDLED TRAFFIC, INCLUDING BUSY LINE VERIFICATION AND EMERGENCY INTERRUPT SERVICES

There appears to be no objection to the use of BellSouth's tariffed rates as the compensation arrangement for providing operator handled traffic between the respective ALECs and BellSouth. However, MCImetro had some concern as to whether the tariff references discussed in the Stipulation and BellSouth's testimony were the same methods for emergency interrupt service and busy line verification provided to independent LECs in Florida. MCImetro stated that it wants to either use contracts or the tariff, whichever was deemed more useful or economical. MCImetro stated that BellSouth should provide such functions to ALECs at the same rates, terms, and conditions that the functions are made available to other LECs, whether LECs obtain these functions by contract or tariff.

Since there is no objection to the use of BellSouth's tariffed rates and since none of the parties has provided any evidence as to the unreasonableness of BellSouth's rates, we find it appropriate to use BellSouth's tariffed rates for busy line verification and emergency interrupt services to fulfill the financial requirements for operator handled traffic flowing between the respective ALECs and BellSouth.

The technical arrangement proposed by BellSouth for operator handled traffic between ALECs and BellSouth is a dedicated trunk

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group, either one-way or two-way, between the ALEC's end office and BellSouth's Operator Services System. The trunk group may be the same as that used for Inward Operator Services (busy line verification and emergency interrupt services) and Operator Transfer Service. Busy line verification and emergency interrupt services are currently tariffed in BellSouth's Access Service Tariff. MFS-FL stated that MFS-FL and BellSouth should establish procedures whereby their operator bureaus will coordinate with each other to provide busy line verification and interrupt services. MFS-FL further stated that BellSouth's proposal to provide busy line verification and interrupt services from BellSouth's tariff was acceptable as long as the rates were reasonable. None of the parties objected to the technical provision of operator services as provided in BellSouth's tariff. Accordingly, we find it appropriate for the technical arrangement proposed by BellSouth to be used to provide operator services.

#### IX. DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND DATA

This matter concerns the terms and conditions requested by MFS-FL and MCImetro with respect to BellSouth's directory assistance (DA) services and database. MFS-FL, MCImetro, BellSouth and AT&T agree that BellSouth should list ALEC customers in BellSouth's DA database.

McCaw states that the ALECs' requests should be approved. Sprint's position is that ALECs are conceptually independent LECs that will overlay the incumbent LECs' territory. Therefore, ALECs should be afforded the same treatment as LECs, and ALEC customers should be listed in the LEC's DA database.

Continental states that ALEC customers should be included in BellSouth's DA database, but adds that we should adopt the provisions for DA service that are in Continental's Stipulation with BellSouth. FCTA agrees to the extent that the provisions of the Stipulation with BellSouth should apply to MFS-FL and MCImetro. TCG and Time Warner, who also signed the Stipulation, state that resolution of this issue should not be anticompetitive or discriminatory.

MCImetro asserts that BellSouth should provide at least three options for DA provision. First, there should be a resale arrangement whereby MCImetro would be able to use BellSouth's DA service to provide DA to MCImetro's customers. Second, BellSouth should provide a mechanized database access option so that MCImetro's operators can obtain the necessary DA listing information. Third, there should be a purchase option that requires BellSouth to sell its DA database to MCImetro. MFS-FL is

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requesting these same service options but adds that BellSouth should also offer DA service under MFS-FL's brand (branding) which is comparable in every way to BellSouth DA service. BellSouth addresses these requests by stating that BellSouth currently provides DA service out of its access tariff. BellSouth also licenses the use of its DA database in its General Subscriber Services Tariff called Directory Assistance Database Service (DADS). In addition, BellSouth stated that it will provide on-line access to BellSouth's DA database to MFS-FL operators or an MFS-FL designated operator bureau.

The only option that does not appear to be readily available at this time is MFS-FL's request for branding. However, BellSouth explained that it will provide branding upon a firm order for service and a script of what the ALEC would like BellSouth operators to say. BellSouth asserts that it intends to charge for this service by filing a tariffed rate option for branding DA calls.

BellSouth states that it will list ALEC customers in its DA database if the necessary information is provided in the format specified by BellSouth. BellSouth maintains that to the extent BellSouth has to incur additional costs for storing inconsistent information, the ALEC should be required to pay these costs. We agree that the ALECs should pay any additional costs incurred for incompatible information, and we find that BellSouth shall provide the ALECs with the appropriate format BellSouth requires to populate its database. In turn, the ALECs shall submit their customer data in compliance with this format.

Therefore, we find it appropriate to require BellSouth to list the ALEC's customers in BellSouth's DA database. To ensure compatibility with BellSouth's database, BellSouth shall provide the ALECs with the appropriate database format in which to submit the necessary information. BellSouth shall update its DA database under the same time periods afforded itself. BellSouth shall provide branding upon a firm order for the service.

#### X. WHITE AND YELLOW PAGES DIRECTORIES

MFS-FL, MCImetro, and AT&T assert that BellSouth should include ALEC customers in the appropriate BellSouth white and yellow page directories and distribute directories to ALEC customers at no charge. BellSouth states that it will list ALEC business customers in BellSouth's yellow and white page directories and provide white page listings for ALEC residential customers. In addition, BellSouth intends to distribute the directories to ALEC customers.

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Continental and FCTA negotiated a settlement with BellSouth concerning terms and conditions for white and yellow page directories in their Stipulation. Their position is that we should adopt these terms and conditions with respect to MFS-FL and MCImetro. TCG and Time Warner, who also signed the Stipulation, state that resolution of this issue should not be anticompetitive or discriminatory. The relevant terms and conditions of the Stipulation are as follows:

BellSouth will include ALEC customers' primary listing in the white page (residential and business listings) and yellow page (business listings) directories, as well as the directory assistance data-base, as long as the ALEC provides information to BellSouth in a manner compatible with BellSouth operational systems. BellSouth will not charge the ALECs to (a) print their customers' primary listings in the white pages and yellow page directories; (b) distribute directory books to their customers; (c) recycle their customers' directory books; and (d) maintain the Directory Assistance data-base. BellSouth will work cooperatively with the ALECs on issues concerning lead time, timeliness, format, and content of listing information.

MFS-FL is requesting that enhanced listings, such as bolding and indention, be provided under the same rates, terms and conditions as are available to BellSouth's customers. In addition, MFS-FL states that MFS-FL must provide BellSouth with directory listings and daily updates in an accepted industry format. Likewise, MFS-FL states that BellSouth should provide MFS-FL with a magnetic tape or computer disk containing the proper format.

MFS-FL is also concerned about yellow page maintenance. MFS-FL believes that BellSouth and MFS-FL should work together to ensure that yellow page advertisements purchased by customers that switch their service to MFS-FL are maintained without interruption. We agree with MFS-FL, but add that these parameters should apply anytime a customer changes its local exchange carrier, such as LEC to ALEC, ALEC to LEC, ALEC to ALEC.

McCaw states that the ALECs' requests should be approved. Sprint asserts that ALECs should have access to the same databases and resources as the incumbent LECs. Although Sprint's position is broader than the scope of this issue, it supports the ALECs' requests.

Upon review, we find it appropriate to require BellSouth to provide directory listings for ALEC customers in BellSouth's white

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page and yellow page directories at no charge. BellSouth shall also distribute these directories to ALEC customers at no charge. To ensure compatibility with BellSouth's database, BellSouth shall provide the ALECs with the appropriate database format in which to submit the necessary information. Enhanced listings shall be provided to ALEC customers at the same rates, terms and conditions offered to BellSouth customers.

#### XI. BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

The parties offered a number of alternatives for providing billing and collection services between BellSouth and ALECs. BellSouth discussed two options in its testimony as follows:

##### Option 1

An ALEC may elect to have another RBOC serve as its Centralized Message Distribution System (CMDS) host. CMDS will provide the ALEC with the ability to bill for its services when the messages are recorded by a local exchange company. This would include credit card, collect, and third-party calls. Under this option, all messages originated by the ALEC but billable by another company, or that are originated by another company and billable by the ALEC, will be sent through that RBOC host for distribution. If the ALEC elects to purchase operator and/or 800 database service from BellSouth, and BellSouth is therefore recording messages on the ALEC's behalf, BellSouth will send those messages directly to the ALEC for rating. The ALEC will then distribute the messages to the appropriate billing company via their RBOC host.

##### Option 2

The ALEC may elect BellSouth to serve as the CMDS host. Under this option, the ALEC must have Regional Accounting Office status (RAO), which means that the ALEC has been assigned its own RAO code from Bellcore. BellSouth will send CMDS all messages that are originated by an ALEC customer that are billable outside the BellSouth region. BellSouth will also forward all messages that originate outside the BellSouth region from CMDS to the ALEC for billing where applicable. This service will be provided via contract between the two companies.

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MFS-FL states that it will deliver information services traffic originated over its exchange services to information services provided over BellSouth's information services platform over the appropriate trunks. MFS-FL states that BellSouth should provide, at MFS-FL's option, a direct real time electronic feed or a daily or monthly magnetic tape in a mutually specified format, specifying the appropriate billing listing and effective daily rate for each information service by telephone number. MFS-FL stated that if it provides its own information services platform, BellSouth should assist MFS-FL to develop LATA-wide NXX code(s) which MFS-FL may use in conjunction with such a platform. MFS-FL will bill and collect from its end users the specific end user calling rates BellSouth bills its own end users for such services, unless MFS-FL obtains approval to charge rates different from those rates charged by BellSouth.

Upon review, we find it appropriate to require BellSouth to allow MCImetro and MFS-FL to choose one of the two options discussed above for billing and collection services. In addition, BellSouth and the respective ALECs shall transmit billing information via electronic line feed or magnetic tapes as described above. We also direct MFS-FL, MCImetro, and BellSouth to co-develop a billing and collection arrangement which addresses prices, methods, and procedures. This arrangement shall be filed within 60 days of the issuance of this Order.

## XII. PROVISION OF CLASS/LASS SERVICES

CLASS or LASS features are certain features that are available to end users. These include such features as Automatic Call Back, Call Trace, Caller ID and related blocking features, Distinctive Ring, Call Waiting, Selective Call Forwarding, and Selective Call Rejection.

CLASS features use Common Channel Signalling (CCS), or CCS7, which is a method of digitally transmitting call set-up and network control data over a special network. Signalling is how information on call processing is passed between various network elements to permit facilities to be used when needed, and rendered idle when not needed. The term "common channel" signalling is used to describe signalling which is accomplished using a network that is separate from the public switched network elements that carry the actual call. CCS signalling parameters include automatic number identification (ANI), originating line information, calling party category, and charge number.

MFS-FL states that ALECs and BellSouth should provide LEC-to-LEC CCS to one another, where available, for LATA-wide traffic.

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MFS-FL also states that all CCS signalling parameters should be provided. Further, MFS-FL believes BellSouth and MFS-FL should cooperate on the exchange of messages to facilitate full interoperability of CCS-based features between their respective networks. MFS-FL states that CCS should be provided by signal transfer point (STP) to STP connections. MFS-FL further asserts that carriers should provide each other the same form and quality of interoffice signalling, CCS, that they use within their own networks, and SS7 signalling should be provided where the carrier's own network is so equipped.

In addition, MFS-FL states that since the CCS will be used cooperatively for the mutual handling of traffic, link facility and link termination charges should be prorated 50% each between parties. MFS-FL states that for traffic where CCS is not available, in-band multi-frequency, wink start, and E&M channel-associated signalling should be forwarded. MFS-FL asserts that the originating carrier should also be required to transmit the privacy indicator where it applies. The privacy indicator is a signal that is sent when the calling party has blocked release of its number, either by per line or per-call blocking. In addition, MFS-FL asserts that BellSouth should offer use of its signalling network on an unbundled basis at tariffed rates.

MFS-FL states that although there is general agreement on the CLASS interoperability issues, as indicated by the related provisions of the Stipulation, BellSouth would not sign a detailed business agreement addressing all of the necessary aspects of this issue.

MCImetro states that BellSouth should deliver to ALECs, without limitation or modification, any and all CCS7 signalling information generated by the caller or by BellSouth on behalf of the caller. Further, MCImetro states that BellSouth should be required to provide CCS7 signalling on all trunk types which according to industry standards support such signalling. MCImetro states that this issue would be resolved if we ordered BellSouth to make related provisions of the BellSouth-TCG Stipulation available to MCImetro. The language on CLASS interoperability in the BellSouth-TCG Stipulation is identical to the language in the BellSouth-FCTA Stipulation.

BellSouth states that Full Signalling System 7 (SS7) connectivity is required between end offices to ensure the provision of CLASS/LASS services between BellSouth and an ALEC. BellSouth plans to unbundle the same in its Switched Access Service tariff. BellSouth asserts that the Stipulation provides that

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BellSouth and ALECs will provide CCS to enable full interoperability of class features and functions.

The Stipulation addresses CLASS interoperability. It states that:

BellSouth and the ALECs will provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signalling (CCS) to one another, where available, in conjunction with all traffic in order to enable full interoperability of CLASS features and functions. All CCS signalling parameters will be provided including automatic number identification (ANI), originating line information (OLI), calling party category, and charge number. All privacy indicators will be honored, and BellSouth and the ALECs will cooperate on the exchange of Transactional Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) messages to facilitate full interoperability of CCS-based features between their respective networks.

AT&T states that at a conceptual level, it essentially agrees with BellSouth regarding CLASS interoperability. AT&T is optimistic that it could be resolved.

FCTA and Continental assert that the terms and conditions relating to CLASS interoperability addressed in the Stipulation should be adopted. Time Warner agrees and also states that we should establish no rate, term or condition for interconnection that is anticompetitive or discriminatory. McCaw and Sprint had no substantial or additional argument, and Intermedia has no position on this issue.

It appears from the evidence in the record that all parties agree on the arrangements necessary to ensure the provision of CLASS/LASS services between the respective ALEC's and BellSouth's networks. We believe that the parties, especially MFS-FL, MCImetro, and BellSouth, understand what is necessary to make the CLASS/LASS services work between each other's networks. In addition, MFS-FL and MCImetro have agreements on CLASS/LASS interoperability with a LEC, New England Telephone, which contain identical language on CLASS/LASS interoperability. MFS-FL is proposing that these same terms and conditions be adopted for its interconnection arrangement with BellSouth. MFS-FL's terms and conditions are consistent with what MCImetro is requesting.

Upon consideration, we believe that the terms and conditions for CLASS/LASS interoperability advocated by all parties including BellSouth are similar to the language in the Stipulation. MFS-FL and BellSouth agree that BellSouth should offer use of its

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signalling network pursuant to tariff. MFS-FL states that since the CCS will be used cooperatively for the mutual handling of traffic, link facility and link termination charges should be prorated 50% between parties; however, BellSouth did not present evidence either for or against MFS-FL's position regarding the CCS link facilities and link termination charges. We also find it appropriate for each party to pay for its share of the costs. Since these signalling arrangements benefit both carriers, the ALECs and BellSouth shall provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signalling (CCS) to one another, where available, in conjunction with all POTS traffic, to enable full interoperability of CLASS/LASS features and functions. In addition, all privacy indicators shall be honored, and ALECs and BellSouth shall use industry standards for CCS signalling between their networks. Because CCS will be used cooperatively for the mutual handling of traffic, the ALECs and BellSouth shall each be responsible for the costs associated with the installation and use of their respective CCS networks.

XIII. PHYSICAL INTERCONNECTION, INCLUDING TRUNKING AND SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS

MFS-FL and MCImetro propose that ALECs be permitted to establish at least one interconnection point in a given area. MFS-FL asserts that there should be one per LATA, while MCImetro is proposing one per local calling area. In addition, they are requesting the flexibility of using one-way or two-way trunking arrangements for terminating traffic. McCaw and Sprint support the ALECs' requests.

BellSouth advocates interconnection at the access tandem and end office levels. BellSouth states that this is the only technically feasible arrangement and is the arrangement that exists with the interexchange carriers. AT&T adds that interconnection should also be furnished at some central point and that unbundled SS7 signalling should be provided.

Continental states that we should adopt the provisions for physical interconnection that are in the Stipulation. FCTA agrees to the extent that the provisions of the Stipulation should apply to MFS-FL and MCImetro. TCG and Time Warner state that resolution of this issue should not be anticompetitive or discriminatory.

MCImetro asserts that it should have the option of specifying a meet point, also called a midspan meet, for interconnection between its network and BellSouth's network. Each carrier would be responsible for providing its own facilities to and from the point of interconnection. MFS-FL's proposal is that within each LATA

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served, MFS-FL and BellSouth will identify a wire center to serve as the Default Network Interconnection Point (D-NIP). At the D-NIP, MFS-FL would have the right to specify one of the following methods of interconnection: a) a mid-fiber meet at the D-NIP or some point near the D-NIP; b) a digital cross connect hand off where MFS-FL and BellSouth maintain such facilities at the D-NIP; or c) a collocation facility maintained by MFS-FL, BellSouth or a third party. MCImetro notes that BellSouth currently interconnects with independent LECs on a meet point basis; therefore, meet point interconnection is technically feasible. BellSouth asserts that without knowing the different ALECs' capabilities versus BellSouth's, BellSouth did not want to make midspan meets a general offering. BellSouth points out that if the circumstances arise, BellSouth would be willing to investigate a midspan meet with a particular carrier. We believe that mid-span meets should be permitted where technically and economically feasible. Midspan meets should be tailored to each company's specifications and therefore, should be a negotiated arrangement.

MCImetro believes that ALECs should have the option of using one-way or two-way trunks to interconnect with BellSouth. This flexibility will allow MCImetro to select the option that best suits its needs. MFS-FL states that two-way trunk groups are the most efficient means of interconnecting for MFS-FL because they minimize the number of ports needed. MFS-FL asserts that this is standard practice among the incumbent LECs today. BellSouth does not directly address the request for one-way or two-way trunking in its testimony. We find that the ALECs should have the option of interconnection using one-way or two-way trunking arrangements. These types of trunking arrangements are used by the incumbent LECs today and shall be made available to the ALECs.

Based on review of the record, we find it appropriate to require BellSouth to provide interconnection, trunking and signalling arrangements at the tandem and end office levels. BellSouth shall also provide ALECs with the option of interconnecting via one-way or two-way trunks. Mid-span meets shall be permitted where technically and economically feasible and shall be a negotiated arrangement.

#### XIV. INTEREXCHANGE CALLS TERMINATED TO A "PORTED" NUMBER

The only issue raised that was not resolved in the number portability docket was the destination of switched access charges for toll calls. The ALECs maintained that BellSouth wanted to retain all of the switched access charges associated with a toll call routed through remote call forwarding for number portability, which is a "ported" call. However, BellSouth maintained that it

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envisioned a meet point billing situation where it would retain its rate elements and the ALEC would bill its own rate elements on ported calls. BellSouth never suggested that it retain all of the switched access revenues without some compensation going to the ALECs. The Stipulation reflects this approach. Therefore, there appears to be little difference among the parties regarding this issue.

The sole difference we were able to discern was the collection of the RIC. BellSouth, consistent with its position that the RIC is a revenue requirement element, argued it should retain the RIC. The Stipulation also reflects this policy. The ALECs argued that the terminating company should get the RIC.

We believe this situation is no different than the intermediary functions described above. Since revenue requirements are no longer relevant to BellSouth, the RIC shall be billed and collected by the carrier terminating the call.

#### XV. OTHER OPERATIONAL ISSUES

BellSouth argues that operational issues are most appropriately resolved through the negotiation process. If the issues cannot be resolved, then the existing Commission complaint process is appropriate.

MFS-FL states that we should establish detailed arrangements for certain additional operational issues such as transfer of service announcements, repair calls, information pages, service announcements and the operator reference database. MFS-FL states that its experience has been that any aspect of interconnection that is not written creates potential for delay, dispute and discord, and that the best way to swiftly implement competition is in a detailed comprehensive business arrangement. MFS-FL disagrees with BellSouth's position that these issues should be resolved using the negotiation process. MFS-FL argues that we should establish more detailed operational arrangements. MFS-FL asserts that 1) ALECs and BellSouth should provide their respective repair contact numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis; 2) misdirected repair calls should be referred to the proper company at no charge, and the end user should be provided the correct contact telephone number; 3) extraneous communications beyond the direct referral to the correct repair telephone number should be prohibited; and 4) BellSouth should provide operator reference database (ORDB) updates on a monthly basis at no charge to enable MFS-FL operators to respond in emergency situations.

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An "informational" section, which provides a listing of BellSouth services, is included in BellSouth's white pages directory. MFS-FL asserts that it should have access to this section to provide its customers with data on MFS-FL calling areas, services installation, repair and other customer services. MCImetro is requesting that its services be included in this section also. BellSouth states that BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation (BAPCO) is willing to offer ALECs limited space in the informational section of the white pages directory.

MCImetro asserts that the use of mechanized interfaces between the ALEC and BellSouth is critical to the development of an effectively competitive local exchange market. Further, MCImetro states that intercompany operational procedures must be developed to support the ordering of unbundled loops, interoffice facilities, interim number portability mechanisms, and customer listing databases on some type of mechanized basis. These mechanized systems are similar to the ones used today between IXCs and LECs. MCImetro asserts that such mechanized procedures should be developed as soon as possible, but in any event within one year.

BellSouth does not oppose some type of mechanized interface between ALECs and LECs and is currently working on such an interface. However, MCImetro agrees that parties have not provided sufficient evidence supporting how much an interface would cost, how long it would take to develop, and who should pay for it. BellSouth and MFS-FL agree that a standard intercept message should be provided to a customer who changes local exchange companies but does not choose to keep his or her original telephone number.

AT&T states that it has not identified any other arrangements that are necessary to address other operational issues at this time.

FCTA and Continental assert that the terms and conditions relating to CLASS interoperability addressed in the Stipulation should be adopted. Time Warner agrees and states that we should not establish any rate, term or condition for interconnection that is anticompetitive or discriminatory.

The Stipulation states that various aspects of the interconnection process are "not resolved in this document." These aspects include:

...physical interconnection arrangements (e.g., collocation, midspan meet) technical requirements, trouble reporting and resolution, billing processes, resolution of operating issues, provisioning, ordering,

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deadlines, performance standards, recording of traffic, including start and stop time, reporting and payment, dispute resolutions, rounding measurements, financial penalties for late payments, and the provision of inter-carrier clearinghouse functions...

The Stipulation further states that the parties agree to cooperatively work toward resolution of these issues no later than January 31, 1996, and that either party may petition the Commission for resolution should unresolved issues remain on January 31, 1996.

We understand that there are many operational issues that will arise as the ALECs begin to provide service. We believe that the mechanized intercompany operational procedures supported by MCImetro are appropriate, since these procedures are currently used today between LECs and IXC. The parties need to work together to determine how much such an interface would cost, how long it would take to develop, and who should pay for it. However, we find it appropriate to grant MFS-FL's requests for detailed arrangements regarding repair calls, information pages, service announcements and the operator reference database. Implementing MFS-FL's specific operational requests now will make the transition to local competition more seamless for consumers. The specific operational issues are listed below.

We believe that on a going forward basis, parties should attempt to resolve operational problems that arise. If the parties cannot reach a resolution, they can file a petition or motion for resolution of the problem with us.

Accordingly, we find that mechanized intercompany operational procedures, similar to the ones between IXCs and LECs today, should be developed jointly by the ALECs and LECs. Further, ALECs and BellSouth shall adhere to the following requirements:

- 1) ALECs and BellSouth shall provide their respective repair contact numbers to one another on a reciprocal basis;
- 2) Misdirected repair calls shall be referred to the proper company at no charge, and the end user shall be provided the correct contact telephone number;
- 3) Extraneous communications beyond the direct referral to the correct repair telephone number shall be prohibited;
- 4) BellSouth shall provide operator reference database (ORDB) updates on a monthly basis at no charge to enable

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MFS-FL and MCImetro operators to respond in emergency situations; and

- 5) BellSouth shall work with MFS-FL and MCImetro to ensure that the appropriate ALEC data, such as calling areas, service installation, repair, and customer service, is included in the informational pages of BellSouth's directory.

#### XVI. ASSIGNMENT OF NXX CODES

BellSouth is currently the Central Office Code Assignment Administrator for its region. There are currently discussions and forums at the national level to assign an independent number administrator. MFS-FL asserts that it is entitled to the same nondiscriminatory number resources as any Florida LEC under the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, and that BellSouth, as the administrator, should support all MFS-FL requests related to NXX code administration and assignments in an effective and timely manner. Further, MFS-FL states that MFS-FL and BellSouth should comply with code administration requirements as prescribed by the FCC, the Commission, and accepted industry guidelines. MCImetro argues that to be able to assign telephone numbers to its end users, it must have access to NXX codes. MCImetro further states that the issue of who should handle the administration of numbering resources is the subject of a current FCC investigation, and it appears that most industry players agree that number administration should be placed in the hands of a neutral third party with no business interest in how numbers are assigned. MCImetro asserts that until a neutral number administrator replaces BellSouth, ALECs should have access to NXX codes on a nondiscriminatory basis. In addition, MCImetro states that it has communicated with BellSouth its intention to use NXX codes in the same manner as BellSouth uses such codes.

BellSouth states that numbers should be available to all carriers on an equal basis and asserts that this issue is being examined on the federal level. BellSouth states that it supports the national work and the establishment of an independent administrator for the assignment and control of NPA and NXX codes. BellSouth states that until the issues are decided at the national level, ALECs must process requests through BellSouth since it is the administrator for the region.

AT&T essentially agrees with BellSouth on the assignment of NXX codes and that it is optimistic that a resolution could be reached. Sprint agrees with MCImetro that ALECs must have access

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to codes on a nondiscriminatory basis until such time as a neutral administrator replaces BellSouth.

FCTA and Continental assert that the terms and conditions relating to assignment of NXX codes addressed in the Stipulation should be adopted. Time Warner agrees and states that we should not establish any rate, term or condition for interconnection that is anticompetitive or discriminatory.

McCaw states that such assignments should be made on a nondiscriminatory basis, with each carrier recovering its own NXX establishment charges. Intermedia has no position.

The assignment of NXX codes was addressed in BellSouth's earlier stipulation with TCG. The BellSouth-TCG stipulation stated:

So long as BellSouth continues to act as the local administrator of the North American Numbering Plan, (it) will assign and administer Central Office Codes (NNX/NXX) consistent with the industry developed "Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines."

This position appears to be the one advocated by all of the parties, including BellSouth. MCImetro specifically agrees with the language in the BellSouth-TCG stipulation. All parties, including BellSouth, state that NXX assignments should be on a nondiscriminatory basis. Therefore, we find that until the issue of a neutral administrator is decided at the federal level, BellSouth, as the current code administrator, shall provide nondiscriminatory NXX assignments to ALECs on the same basis that such assignments are made to itself and other code holders today.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that each and all of the specific findings herein are approved in every respect. It is further

ORDERED that for the termination of local traffic, MCImetro and BellSouth shall compensate each other by mutual traffic exchange as discussed in the body of this Order. It is further

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ORDERED that if MCImetro, MFS-FL or BellSouth believes that traffic is imbalanced to the point that it is not receiving benefits equivalent to those it is providing through mutual traffic exchange, it may request the compensation mechanism be changed as discussed in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that for originating and terminating intrastate toll traffic, the MCImetro and BellSouth shall pay each other BellSouth's tariffed intrastate switched network access service rate on a per minute of use basis as discussed in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that for originating and terminating intrastate toll traffic, the MFS-FL and BellSouth shall pay each other BellSouth's tariffed intrastate switched network access service rate on a per minute of use basis as discussed in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED when it cannot be determined whether a call is local or toll, the local exchange provider shall be assessed originating switched access charges for that call unless the local exchange provider originating the call can provide evidence that the call is actually a local call. It is further

ORDERED that if BellSouth and MCImetro negotiate alternative terms for compensating each other for exchanging toll traffic, the agreement shall be filed with the Commission before it becomes effective. It is further

ORDERED that if BellSouth and MFS-FL negotiate alternative terms for compensating each other for exchanging toll traffic, the agreement shall be filed with the Commission before it becomes effective. It is further

~~ORDERED that BellSouth shall tariff its interconnection rates and other arrangements as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further~~

ORDERED that BellSouth shall establish meet-point billing arrangements with MFS-FL and MCImetro as it has done with adjacent LECs. Meet-points, for rating purposes, shall be established at mutually agreeable locations. It is further

ORDERED that ALECs collocated in the same BellSouth wire center shall be permitted to cross-connect without transiting the BellSouth switch. BellSouth shall charge each ALEC one-half of BellSouth's special access cross-connect rate. It is further

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ORDERED that carriers providing tandem switching or other intermediary functions shall collect only those access charges that apply to the functions they perform. The Residual Interconnection Charge shall be billed and collected by the carrier terminating the call. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth shall compensate MFS-FL and MCImetro for the origination of 800 traffic terminated to BellSouth pursuant to MFS-FL and MCImetro's originating switched access charges, including the database query. MFS-FL and MCImetro shall provide to BellSouth the appropriate records necessary for BellSouth to bill its customers. The records shall be provided in a standard ASR/EMR format for a fee of \$0.015 per record. When MFS-FL or MCImetro elects to provide 800 services, the ALEC shall reciprocate this arrangement. It is further

ORDERED that, with respect to the provision of Basic 911 BellSouth, MFS-FL and MCImetro shall meet the requirements set forth in Section VI of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that, with respect to the provision of Enhanced 911 service, BellSouth, MFS-FL and MCImetro shall meet the requirements set forth in Section VII of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the technical arrangement proposed by BellSouth, comprised of a dedicated trunk group arrangement from the ALEC's end office to the BellSouth Operator Service System, shall be used to provide operator services. The trunk group may be the same as that used for Inward Operator Services and Operator Transfer Service. Also, BellSouth's tariffed rates for busy line verification and emergency interrupt services shall be used to fulfill the financial requirements for operator handled traffic flowing between the respective ALECs and BellSouth. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth shall list MFS-FL and MCImetro's customers in BellSouth's directory assistance database. BellSouth shall provide MFS-FL and MCImetro with the appropriate database format in which to submit the necessary information. BellSouth shall update its directory assistance database under the same time frames afforded itself. BellSouth shall provide branding upon a firm order for the service. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth shall provide directory listings for MFS-FL and MCImetro customers in BellSouth's white page and yellow page directories at no charge. BellSouth shall also distribute these directories to MFS-FL and MCImetro customers at no charge. BellSouth shall provide MFS-FL and MCImetro with the appropriate database format in which to submit the necessary information.

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Enhanced listings shall be provided to MFS-FL and MCImetro customers at the same rates, terms and conditions offered to BellSouth customers. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth shall allow MFS-FL and MCImetro to choose one of the two options offered by BellSouth for billing and collection services described in the body of this Order. In addition, BellSouth, MFS-FL and MCImetro shall transmit billing information via electronic line feed or magnetic tapes as described in MFS-FL's testimony. BellSouth, MFS-FL, and MCImetro shall co-develop a billing and collection arrangement which addresses prices, methods, and procedures. This arrangement shall be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the issuance of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth shall provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signalling to one another, where available, in conjunction with all POTS traffic. All privacy indicators shall be honored, and MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth shall use industry standards for CCS signalling between their networks. MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth shall each be responsible for the costs associated with the installation and use of their respective CCS networks. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth shall provide interconnection, trunking and signalling arrangements at the tandem and end office levels. BellSouth shall also provide MFS-FL and MCImetro with the option of interconnecting via one-way or two-way trunks. Mid-span meets shall be permitted where technically and economically feasible and shall be a negotiated arrangement. It is further

ORDERED that carriers providing any intermediary functions on calls routed through number portability solutions shall collect only those access charges that apply to the functions they perform. The Residual Interconnection Charge shall be billed and collected by the carrier terminating the call. It is further

ORDERED that mechanized intercompany operational procedures, shall be developed jointly by MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth as discussed in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that MFS-FL, MCImetro and BellSouth shall adhere to the operational requirements set forth in Section XV of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that BellSouth, as the current code administrator, shall provide nondiscriminatory NXX assignments to MFS-FL and MCImetro on the same basis that such assignments are made to itself

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and other code holders today, until the issue of a neutral administrator is decided at the federal level. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 29th day of March, 1996.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Key Ferguson  
Chief, Bureau of Records

( S E A L )

DLC/SKE/MMB

DISSENT: Commissioner Garcia dissents from the Commission's decision regarding interconnection rate structures, rates and other compensation arrangements for the exchange of local and toll traffic.

It is clear that the new statutory regime created by Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, endorses companies to negotiate interconnection agreements. It is also clear that if negotiations fail, it is the responsibility of the Commission to set nondiscriminatory rates, terms, and conditions of interconnection. It is within the bounds of this process that the Commission is charged with making determinations in the public interest, considering all relevant facts at its disposal and employing its sound judgment and foresight along the way.

The Commission attributed some reasonableness to the Stipulation by approving it, and that reasonableness deserved greater consideration in this instance. This is not to suggest that the Stipulation should have necessarily been adopted in its entirety as the policy of the Commission. That would engender a disadvantage to those parties who availed themselves of their statutory right to litigate the rates, terms and conditions of interconnection before the Commission. The point is that the

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Stipulation should have comprised a greater part of the Commission's considerations, such that whatever part of the public interest was embodied in the Stipulation would not be unduly compromised.

The action of the Commission to order mutual traffic exchange favors MFS-FL and MCImetro, not only in terms of their relationship with BellSouth but in terms of their relationship to other signatories of the Stipulation as well, giving them a competitive advantage. If anything, this Commission should look for ways to provide incentives to all companies to negotiate settlements. Instead, what has been done results in favoring those who did not join the Stipulation.

#### NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.