

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Local Exchange Carriers')	CC Docket No. 93-162
Rates, Terms, and Conditions)	
for Expanded Interconnection)	
Through Physical Collocation)	
for Special Access and Switched Transport)	
)	
Schedule for Pleadings to be Submitted)	
in Response to Compliance Filings)	

ORDER

Adopted: July 25, 1997

Released: July 25, 1997

By the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. In the *Physical Collocation Tariff Investigation Order*,¹ the Commission ordered those local exchange carriers (LECs) that still have in effect physical collocation tariffs that were designated for investigation in CC Docket No. 93-162 to submit tariff revisions and plans for issuing refunds.² The Commission also ordered those LECs that phased out physical collocation service following the release of *Virtual Collocation Order*³ to submit plans for issuing refunds.⁴ The Commission required that all LECs subject to the compliance filing requirements in the *Physical Collocation Tariff Investigation Order* submit their compliance filings by July 28, 1997.

¹ See *Local Exchange Carriers' Rates, Terms, and Conditions for Expanded Interconnection Through Physical Collocation for Special Access and Switched Transport*, CC Docket No. 93-162, *Second Report and Order*, FCC 97-208, paras. 389-96 (released June 13, 1997) (*Physical Collocation Tariff Investigation Order*).

² These companies are: Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company (Lincoln); Nevada Bell (Nevada); New York Telephone Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company (NYNEX); Pacific Bell (Pacific); Rochester Telephone Corporation (Rochester); and Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET).

³ *Expanded Interconnection with Local Telephone Facilities*, CC Docket No. 91-141, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 9 FCC Rcd 5154 (1994) (*Virtual Collocation Order*).

⁴ See *Physical Collocation Tariff Investigation Order*, FCC 97-208, paras. 389-96. These companies are: Ameritech Operating Companies (Ameritech); Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies (Bell Atlantic); BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth); Central Telephone Companies (Central); Cincinnati Bell Telephone Companies (CBT); GTE Telephone Operating Companies (GTOC); Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWB); and US West Communications, Inc. (US West).

2. Under Section 1.773 of the Commission's rules, parties seeking investigation, suspension, or rejection of the tariff revisions to be made by the six LECs that did not discontinue providing physical collocation service must submit their petitions by August 4, 1997.⁵ Section 1.773 requires that LECs filing replies to these petitions must do so within 4 days after receiving service of the petitions.⁶ Thus, under this rule, replies to petitions filed in this proceeding would be due by August 8, 1997.

3. After the filing of replies, the Bureau will release an order determining the extent to which the LECs must revise their physical collocation tariff filings, with such revisions to take effect on August 12, 1997. In order to give the LECs adequate time to comply with the requirements of the Bureau's order, and pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, on our own motion, we advance the due date for replies to petitions for investigation, suspension, or rejection to August 7, 1997.

4. With respect to the physical collocation refund plans due to be filed on July 28, 1997 in this proceeding, we are adopting the following pleading cycle: oppositions to the refund plans are due on August 4, 1997; and LECs' replies to the oppositions are due on August 7, 1997.

5. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the schedule for pleadings to be submitted in response to the tariff revisions required by the *Physical Collocation Tariff Investigation Order* **IS MODIFIED** as specified herein.

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the schedule for pleadings to be submitted in response to the refund plans required by the *Physical Collocation Tariff Investigation Order* **IS ADOPTED** as specified herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.773(a)(2)(iii).

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.773(b)(1)(iii).