



DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

cc Docket 97-208

**Duke Power Company**  
*A Duke Energy Company*

325 West McBee Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29601-2623

(864) 370-5204 OFFICE  
(864) 370-5193 FAX

**John F. Lomax**  
*Vice President, Business and  
Community Relations - SC*

September 18, 1997

**RECEIVED**

OCT 21 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will soon have under review BellSouth's application to provide long distance service in South Carolina. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application.

BellSouth's application was unanimously approved (7-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I support the South Carolina Commission's affirmation that BellSouth's entry into long distance is in the public interest.

Long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition and provide more telecommunications choices.

I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John F. Lomax

JFL/ghc

File of Copies rec'd  
DATE CODE

071



**DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**  
701 East Bay Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403  
(803) 727-3008 • Fax (803) 727-3054

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**RECEIVED**

September 22, 1997

OCT 21 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: BellSouth Provision of Long Distance Service in the State of South Carolina

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to you in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission to provide long distance service to business and residential customers in my state, as I believe in free enterprise for any business.

BellSouth's application has been thoroughly reviewed by South Carolina's Public Service Commission, an independent agency charged with balancing the needs of BellSouth and other regulated utilities with the interests of consumers and businesses. After rigorous review, the Commission concluded by a unanimous vote that BellSouth's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to 90 days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than 30 days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,

Barry L. Gleim, Ed.D.  
President-Charleston Campus

Copy: Donald Russell  
Telecommunications Task Force  
U.S. Department of Justice--Antitrust Division  
Suite 800, 1401 H Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

No. of Copies rec'd 0+1  
Lit. ASODE

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

RECEIVED

OCT 21 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has been asked to approve BellSouth's entrance into the long-distance market in South Carolina. I urge you to support the application in order to bring competition into the state as quickly as possible.

As an educator, I have a strong interest in supporting competition to ensure the best rates possible for telecommunications services. While schools and libraries will enjoy discounts for telecommunications services under the provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, we need to make sure that teachers, administrators, parents and students also have access to competitively priced telecommunications services in their homes. Learning does not end when the bell rings at the end of the school day. Access to the Internet, homework hotlines and distance learning from home is also important.

Entry into the long distance market will allow BellSouth to offer a full range of telecommunications services in South Carolina at competitive prices. Local and long distance telephone service can be offered along with Internet access in attractively priced service packages.

BellSouth is extremely committed to education technology. In conjunction with the national NetDay initiative, BellSouth committed \$2 million to help 500 schools in South Carolina gain access to technology and the Internet. By allowing BellSouth into the long distance market, the FCC will help to create the incentives for continued investment in the community and in education.

The South Carolina Public Service Commission has already extensively debated BellSouth's entry into the long distance market and found it to be in the public interest. Further deliberations are, therefore, unnecessary. The FCC should act quickly to approve the application, preferably in less than the 90 days that are allowed. The more quickly BellSouth is allowed to enter the long-distance market, the more quickly we will all be able to reap the benefits of competition.

Sincerely,

*June D. Griffeth*

Mrs. June Griffeth

Number of Copies rec'd 0+1  
ENCLOSURE

M. Edward Wilson, M.D.  
Interim Chairman  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Residency Program Director  
Associate Professor  
Pediatric Ophthalmology  
and Adult Strabismus

171 Ashley Avenue  
Charleston, SC 29425-2236  
Phone: 803-792-2020  
FAX: 803-792-1166  
E-Mail: wilsonme@musc.edu



September 23, 1997

RECEIVED

OCT 21 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Honorable Reed Hundt  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: BellSouth Provision of Long Distance Service in the State of South Carolina

Dear Chairman Hundt:

As the Interim Chairman of the Ophthalmology Department at the Medical University of South Carolina, I am writing to you in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission to provide long distance service to business and residential customers in my state.

BellSouth's application has been thoroughly reviewed by South Carolina's Public Service Commission, an independent agency charged with balancing the needs of BellSouth and other regulated utilities with the interests of consumers and businesses. After rigorous review, the Commission concluded by a unanimous vote that BellSouth's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in

No. of Copies rec'd 041  
Lit. ASODE



The Honorable Reed Hundt  
September 23, 1997  
Page 2

**RECEIVED**

OCT 21 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

no more than 30 days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.

Sincerely,



M. Edward Wilson, M.D.  
Interim Chairman  
Ophthalmology Department

MEW:cls

Copy: Donald Russell  
Telecommunications Task Force  
U. S. Department of Justice -- Antitrust Division  
Suite 800, 1401 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Architects Suite 400  
Engineers 147 Wappoo Creek Drive  
Planners Charleston  
South Carolina  
29412

803•762•2222  
Fax 762•2300

**DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**  
dliollo@atvod.com



September 19, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
191 M Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RECEIVED**

OCT 21 1997

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: BellSouth Provision of Long Distance Service  
in the State of South Carolina

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing to you in support of BellSouth's application to the Federal Communications Commission to provide long distance service to business and residential customers in my state.

BellSouth's application has been thoroughly reviewed by South Carolina's Public Service Commission, an independent agency charged with balancing the needs of BellSouth and other regulated utilities with the interests of consumers and businesses. After rigorous review, the Commission concluded by a unanimous vote that BellSouth's entry into the long distance market is in the public interest. Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in better prices, better service, more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers, and new information age jobs for workers throughout the state.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 authorizes the FCC to take up to ninety days to approve long distance applications from the regional Bell companies. In light of the findings of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, I urge you to approve BellSouth's application in no more than 30 days. Taking longer will serve no useful purpose and will unnecessarily deny the citizens of South Carolina the very real benefits of new competition in the long distance market.  
Sincerely,

LIOLLIO ARCHITECTURE

C. Dinos Liollo, AIA, NCARB  
PRESIDENT

c: Donald Russell  
Telecommunications Task Force  
U S Department of Justice - Antitrust Division  
Suite 800, 1401 H Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

File of Copies  
ENCLOSURE  
File of Copies rec'd  
ENCLOSURE 071