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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

On July 16, 1999, Jonathan Banks, Kelly Stephens, Joe Deters, Sid White, Linda Myler, Ron Pate, Jane Raulerson, Eli Weaver, Virginia Norris and I, representing BellSouth, spoke by telephone with Commission staff. Commission staff participating in at least part of the meeting included: Jake Jennings, Claudia Fox, Sanford Williams, and Anthony Mastando of the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division and Jerome Stanshine of the Office of Engineering and Technology. The purpose of the call was to discuss issues related to the Commission's UNE Remand proceeding. In particular, we discussed signaling issues arising when CLECs provide their own operator services platforms. BellSouth explained the efforts we have undertaken and have offered to undertake to provide CLECs with the sort of signaling they need when offering such services. We described a solution that BellSouth had developed for MCI in Southern Florida, a solution we are prepared to offer to any interested CLEC throughout our region.

We then described the different modes through which a CLEC can gain access to directory listing information and the charges for such access. Finally we discussed the costs a CLEC would incur if it took SS7 from BellSouth and the costs of taking SS7 from an alternative provider. The attached document formed the basis for this discussion.

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In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(2), I am filing two copies of this notice in the docket identified above. If you have any questions concerning this, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen B. Levitz".

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Vice President – Federal Regulatory

Attachment

cc: Jake Jennings
Claudia Fox
Sanford Williams
Anthony Mastando
Jerome Stanshine



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ICG WHOLESALE SERVICES

SPECIAL ACCESS

ICG Special Access products can be used to combine voice, data and video service on a single DS-1 or DS-3 circuit for maximum efficiency, eliminating the need to maintain and pay for multiple dedicated lines. DS-1 circuits can be divided into 24 voice grade channels to accommodate a wide range of business applications. DS-3 circuits are ICG's high capacity private line service. These dedicated lines can be provisioned between any two locations - two customer designated premises, a customer's premise and a long distance carrier, or between two long distance carriers. ICG exclusively utilizes fiber optic backbone networks. The result is a higher quality service offered at significant savings over traditional phone company services - an unbeatable combination.

ACCESS VT

Access VT is ICG's LATA-wide originating and terminating switched access service. Access VT service offers ubiquitous connectivity from a single meetpoint to all LECs and ILECs in a LATA. The product features end-office billing, Feature Group D service, SS7 address signaling in all available locations, and system-wide discount plans.

VSS

Virtual Switch Service (VSS) is a partitioning service that allows ICG's switch to act as your switch. ICG has pioneered the reseller switching product and will continue to develop features and enhancements that are important in today's changing market. VSS offers customized solutions for the switchless reseller as well as the regional facilities-based carrier.

LONG HAUL

ICG Long Haul Service connects designated ICG cities in different LATAs at DS-1 and DS-3 service levels. The long haul network brings much needed bandwidth capacity to many areas lacking fiber capacity - satisfying the needs of local carriers, long distance carriers, and internet service providers. Currently, ICG offers long haul service in multiple locations in the states of California, Colorado and Ohio.

SS7 SERVICE

ICG's SS7 service provides the customer with SS7 signaling over Feature Group D message trunks to LEC Access Tandems and End Offices, as well as connectivity to other carriers. ICG's service offers nationwide SS7 connectivity without having to connect links from network nodes to each IXC, LATA and/or LEC. By establishing only two SS7 "A" links to the ICG hub, SS7 service can be established with no additional connections on a per LATA basis. The service includes all calls originating and terminating from an ICG service area. Access to the ICG network is available from over 30 cities via the ICG regional STP access hub nodes.

ICG SS7 NETWORK SERVICE

ICG's SS7 Network Service allows the customer to have SS7 signaling over Feature Group D message trunks to LEC access tandems and end offices as well as connectivity to other carriers subscribing to the SS7 Network Service. Perhaps the biggest advantage SS7 Network Service offers is the ability to have nationwide SS7 connectivity without having to connect links from network nodes to each IXC, LATA, and/or LEC. By establishing only two SS7 "A" links to the ICG hub, SS7 service can be established with no additional connections on a per LATA basis. This service includes all calls originating and terminating from an ICG serviced area. Access to the ICG network is available from over 30 cities via our regional STP access hub nodes.

Message Signaling Service provides for access to all on-net LATA's and/or Carriers. On-net refers to the CAP, LEC or Interexchange Carriers that are directly connected to the ICG network.

ICG SS7 PRICING

CONNECTIVITY	MONTHLY RECURRING	NON RECURRING
"A" link pair to STP [two ports required]	\$400 per port	\$900 per port
Local Access	Pass-through from access provider	
MESSAGE SIGNALING SERVICE	MONTHLY RECURRING	NON RECURRING
Translations	N/A	\$150 per OPC/DPC per tandem
*ISUP Signaling	Per OPC/DPC	In Service Pairs
	\$225	1-50
	\$175	51-100
	\$125	101+

*LATA charge is OPC/DPC pair tandem within a given LATA.

Additional discount available for 3-year term.



END TO END ACCESS MANAGEMENT

The ability to effectively design "A" link access is critical to the performance of the SS7 network and to the quality of service provided to the end user. ICG customers selecting SS7 network service "Option A" receive the following at no additional cost.

- A Link Facility Design
- LEC Certification & Planning
- Vendor Testing Coordination
- 24 x 7 Network Surveillance
- "A" Link Capacity Management

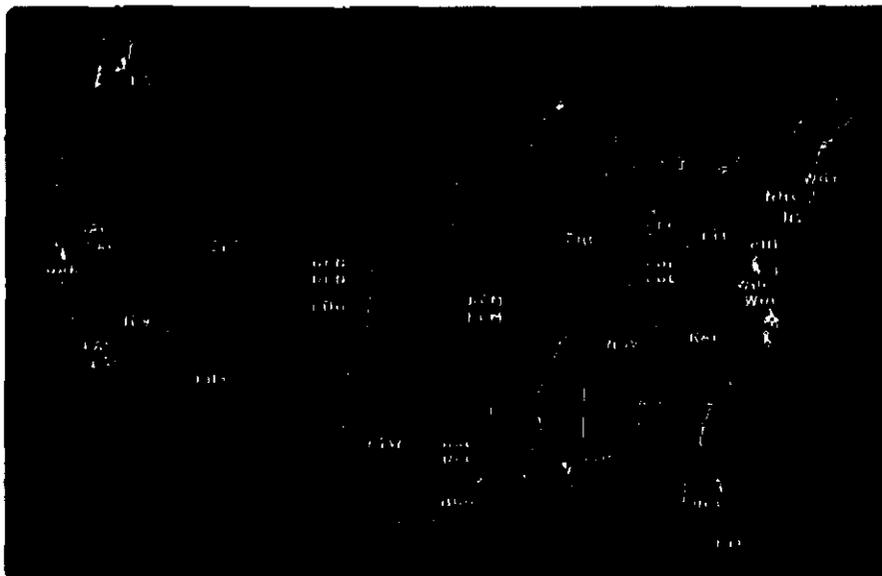
STP PAIR LOCATIONS

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[Orlando	[Los Angeles	[Dallas*
[Fort Lauderdale	[Irvine	[Fort Worth*
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[Houston	[Washington, D.C.	[Washington, D.C.

*Remote Access Hubs

Contact an ICG Carrier Sales Representative at **800-650-6940** to find out more about ICG's SS7 Network Service.

ICG SS7 NETWORK MAP



ICG VIRTUAL SWITCH SERVICE

Virtual Switch Service (VSS) is a partitioning service that allows ICG's switch to act as your switch. ICG has pioneered the reseller switching product and will continue to develop features and enhancements that are important in today's changing market. VSS offers customized solutions for the switchless reseller as well as the regional facilities-based carrier.

THE VSS PORTFOLIO INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

Standard VSS allows you to use ICG's shared Feature Group D (FGD) trunks for LATA-wide origination for all RBOC tandems. There are several pricing options that include flat rate per LATA as well as unbundled pricing. Standard VSS gives you the opportunity to expand your customer base by using ICG's networks and switches.

Opti VSS gives you the option of bringing your FGD trunks into ICG's network for VSS call handling. Like Standard VSS, Opti VSS operates in a closed network environment. All Standard VSS features are available with Opti VSS. Opti VSS pricing is based solely on the switching feature.

Open VSS offers you the option of running an open network while still utilizing ICG's switches. With Open VSS, you also bring your FGD trunks into ICG's network; however, no ANI screening is performed. Open VSS is designed for the reseller or carrier that wants to allow casual calling and/or run "10XXX" promotions.

Contact an ICG Carrier Sales Representative at **800-650-5960** to find out more about ICG's Virtual Switch Service.



ROUTING OPTIONS

Class of Service Routing

This basic routing option sends calls to a particular carrier for transport based on the call type. Examples of this are:

- 1+ (domestic direct dialed)
- International direct dialed
- 0+/0- (Operator assisted)
- Directory assistance
- International operator assisted

ANI-BASED ROUTING

With this option, calls can be routed according to divergent routing tables based on the telephone number of the person making the call. This allows resellers to segment their customer base, sending subsets of users to different underlying carriers.

NPA ROUTING

This enhancement allows calls to be routed based on the dialed NPA. This option overrides Class of Service Routing for calls made to those numbers that fall into the NPA exception table designed by the reseller.

COUNTRY CODE ROUTING

Country Code Routing allows the reseller to choose specific countries that need to be routed to specific carriers. This feature overrides Class of Service Routing.

OVERFLOW ROUTING

This option allows calls to have several predetermined route choices to use as overflow networks if the primary IXC is busy, down or otherwise out of service. This ensures uninterrupted carriage of traffic.

VSS BENEFITS

ICG leads the competitive access industry in the deployment of switching technology by offering an emerging IXC:

- reduced costs by taking advantage of IXC bulk service rates
- three-tier dynamic recover option for overflow routing
- flexible routing options
- complete and timely CDR reporting
- flat rate per LATA or end-office-based pricing plan

VSS FEATURES

VSS offers a suite of features that includes:

- ANI Screening and Validation
- CDR Generation
- Accounting/Authorization Codes



ICG SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICE

Information, like any asset, requires an effective distribution system in order to maximize its value. Companies who invest in the infrastructure required to share information quickly and efficiently enjoy an advantage over those that do not.

Forward thinking organizations are taking advantage of today's technologies and eliminating the hassle and costs associated with multiple circuits to support multiple applications. Today's managers are combining voice, data and video onto a single dedicated service. These services include DS-1, DS-3, Frame Relay or ATM Services. To help sort it out, more and more companies are turning to ICG Telecom Group. The results are often startling: increased productivity, improved morale and greater bottom line reporting, all through improved communications.

At ICG Telecom Group, Inc., we utilize fiber optics exclusively for our service offerings. As a result, we provide our customers the greatest level of reliability at prices that leave the Regional Bell Operating Companies shaking their heads.

Given the complexity of running networks, you may decide to do what many of the nation's leading carriers have done — let ICG handle this critical resource. After all, whether it involves providing companies local access or handling the needs of industry giants, ICG represents a name you can trust.

ICG TELECOM GROUP, INC. OFFERS:

- Single Point of Contact
- Proactive Needs Analysis
- State-of-the-art Networks
- Superior Pricing

AVAILABLE MARKETS

LATA 320 Cleveland
LATA 324 Columbus
LATA 325 Akron
LATA 328 Dayton
LATA 922 Cincinnati*
LATA 422 Charlotte
LATA 462 Louisville
LATA 470 Nashville

LATA 476 Birmingham
LATA 656 Denver
LATA 658 Colorado Springs
LATA 722 Oakland/San Francisco
LATA 726 Sacramento
LATA 730 Los Angeles/Irvine
LATA 732 San Diego

*Expected availability 2nd quarter 1998

Contact our Wholesale Sales Department at **800-650-5960** to find out more about ICG's Special Access Services.

ICG DEDICATED LONG HAUL SERVICE

ICG's Dedicated Long Haul service offers access to markets in California, Colorado, and Ohio. ICG's service offers you connectivity between cities/markets located in different LATA's at the DS-1, DS-3, DC-3, DC-12, and DC-48 service levels. The Long Haul network brings much-needed capacity to many areas lacking fiber capacity—satisfying the needs of local carriers, long distance carriers, and internet service providers.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY

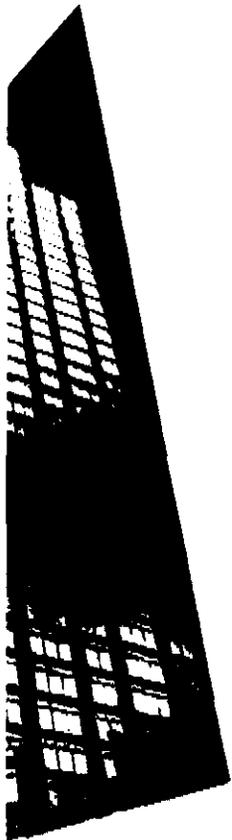
CITY	LATA
Los Angeles, California	730
San Francisco, California	722
San Diego, California	732
Denver, Colorado	656
Colorado Springs, Colorado	658
Akron, Ohio	325
Cleveland, Ohio	320
Columbus, Ohio	324
Dayton, Ohio	328
Cincinnati, Ohio	922*

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BENEFITS

- access to new markets
- quality service
- competitive pricing
- single vendor solutions
- single point of contact

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