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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON  
 BELLSOUTH, SBC, AND BELL ATLANTIC PETITIONS FOR FORBEARANCE  
 FOR NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE**

CC Docket No. 97-172

Released: November 17, 1999

BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth), SBC Communications Inc. (SBC) on behalf of its Bell Operating Company (BOC) subsidiaries, (Ameritech, Pacific Bell, Nevada Bell and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company), and Bell Atlantic filed petitions for forbearance pursuant to section 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, on October 8, 1999, November 2, 1999, and November 5, 1999 respectively. These petitions seek forbearance from application of the requirements of section 272 so as to allow these companies to provide nonlocal directory assistance service on an integrated basis with local directory assistance. In addition, BellSouth, SBC and Bell Atlantic request the Commission to grant them the same amount of time granted to U S WEST in which to make the accounting changes specified in the *U S WEST Forbearance Order, Memorandum Opinion and Order*, CC Dockets Nos. 97-172, 92-105, FCC 99-133 (rel. Sept. 27, 1999) (*U S WEST Forbearance Order*)

Interested parties may file comments regarding the BellSouth, SBC and Bell Atlantic petitions no later than **November 29, 1999**, with the Secretary, FCC at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Oppositions or responses to these comments may be filed with the Secretary, FCC no later than **December 8, 1999**. All pleadings are to reference CC Docket No. 97-172. Interested parties should file an original and seven copies of all pleadings. An additional copy of all pleadings must also be sent to Janice M. Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 5-C327, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public services records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The BellSouth, SBC and Bell Atlantic petitions are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at 1231 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 or by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800 or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/efcs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters

should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [efcs@fcc.gov](mailto:efcs@fcc.gov), and should include the following words in the body of the message: "get form <your e-mail address.>" A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

We will treat this proceeding as permit, but disclose for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), as revised. Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) as well. Interested parties are to file with the Secretary, FCC, and serve Janice M. Myles and ITS, with copies of any written *ex parte* presentations or summaries of oral *ex parte* presentations in these proceedings in the manner specified above.

For further information, contact Janice M. Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580, e-mail [jmyles@fcc.gov](mailto:jmyles@fcc.gov).

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