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PLEADING CYCLE EXTENDED TO ALLOW COMMENT ON SBC CLARIFICATION AND SUPPLEMENT TO ITS PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE FOR NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

CC Docket No. 97-172

Released: December 3, 1999

On November 17, 1999, a Public Notice was released establishing a pleading cycle for petitions for forbearance for 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 regarding their provision of national directory assistance (NDA) (Public Notice, DA 99-2556, rel. Nov. 17, 1999).

On November 19, 1999, SBC filed a clarification and supplement to its petition for forbearance filed on November 2, 1999. SBC clarifies the time period that it has offered NDA and notifies the Commission that on November 12, 1999, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and Pacific Bell signed a contract with Nortel Networks to purchase and fully own the facilities that will contain the nonlocal directory assistance listings for SWBT and Pacific Bell. Finally, SBC states that the national directory assistance database storage facility consists of fifteen search processors, CAMS systems, routers, and software, upon which Nortel will load the national listing database. SBC states that it expects the loading of the national database to be completed in February 2000.

Given this new information, the pleading cycle for reply comments set forth in the public notice released on November 17th is extended, as described below, solely with respect to SBC's petition.

Interested parties may file comments regarding the SBC supplemental petition no later than **December 17, 1999**, with the Secretary, FCC at 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Oppositions or responses to these comments may be filed with the Secretary, FCC no later than **December 17, 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 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public services records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. The SBC petition is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at 1231 20th 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, 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.

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