

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

<p>In re:</p> <p>JOINT APPLICATION BY BELL SOUTH CORPORATION, BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND BELL SOUTH LONG DISTANCE, INC. FOR PROVISION OF IN-REGION, INTERLATA SERVICES IN GEORGIA AND LOUISIANA.</p>	<p style="text-align:center">CC Docket No. 02-35</p>
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AFFIDAVIT OF CLEMENTS J. LEJEUNE, JR.

I, **CLEMENTS J. LEJEUNE, JR** being duly sworn upon oath, do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. My name is Clements J. Lejeune, Jr. I am employed by Xspedius Corp. ("Xspedius"), as Vice President of Planning and Engineering. My business address is 901 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this Affidavit.

2. I am submitting this affidavit for use in support of Xspedius' opposition comments in Federal Communications Commission, Common Carrier Docket No. 02-35, and for any other lawful purpose. The problem described in this affidavit relates to events occurring after April 14, 2000 through the present time.

3. Xspedius' ability to compete in Louisiana has been hampered by BellSouth's poor performance and lack of responsiveness to customer affecting service outages. Aside from the problems involved in turning up service from BellSouth, once service is finally installed, loop and transport problems frequently occur affecting our customers.

4. Xspedius experiences repeat troubles with the facilities it purchases from BellSouth, especially T-1 facilities. BellSouth may repeatedly test a T-1 facility before discovering the

source of the chronic problem, each time charging Xspedius a “no trouble found” charge when in fact a trouble did exist but simply was not discovered by the technician.

5. For example, Xspedius recently experienced a customer outage in Lafayette due to a BellSouth technician failing to recognize a jeopardy condition on a SONET ring (transmitter card failure putting the ring into Simplex condition), subsequently pinching the fiber ring and then failing to properly check for outages and escalate the problem for timely repair. Over 100 Xspedius customers were without service for approximately four hours due to BellSouth’s outage. This outage occurred over SONET ring service that Xspedius purchases directly from CoStreet Communications, which is reselling BellSouth’s SONET ring service. As a result of this customer outage, BellSouth has advised CoStreet and Xspedius that it has changed internal procedures to prevent such outages from occurring in the future. Attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* is correspondence from CoStreet Communications and BellSouth reciting the reasons for the outage, and how BellSouth intends to prevent such outages in the future. It remains to be seen whether these new procedures will be implemented by BellSouth and will enable BellSouth to more quickly identify and solve future outages.

6. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information is true and correct.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on March 1, 2002.

/s/ Clements J. LeJeune, Jr.
Clements J. LeJeune, Jr.
Xspedius Corp.

STATE OF LOUISIANA)
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PARISH OF CALCASIEU)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 2002.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires: at death

/s/ Brenda L. LaComb
Notary Public

EXHIBIT 1
(SEE ATTACHED)