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Chairman Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell,

Greeting from the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Sevierville, Tennessee. I am writing this letter to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to approve Bellsouth's petition to provide long distance service in Tennessee.

I believe through my dealings with the company it has earned the right to enter the long distance market. My position is that the residents and businesses of Tennessee deserve to have long distance service. hm0.1452 601 14.2602 0 0 7.9992g e11

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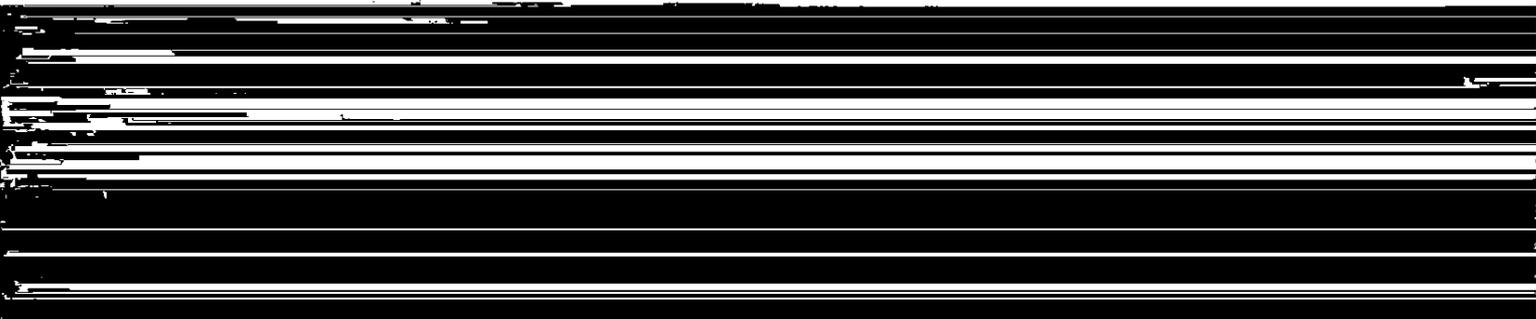
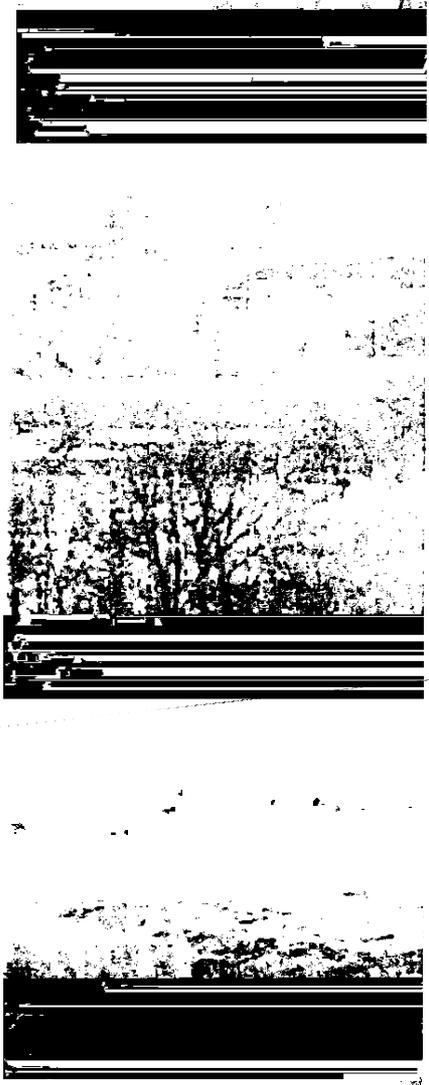
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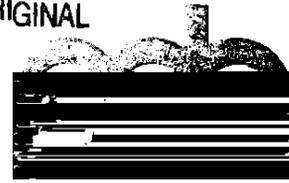
Please vote to approve Bellsouth's entry into long distance.

Sincerely,
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Executive Director
Sevierville Chamber of Commerce



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Dear Chairman Powell,

Greetings from sunny south Florida, specifically greetings from Palm Beach County, Florida. I am an elected Commissioner from the Port of Palm Beach and am a community leader. I am writing this letter on behalf of BellSouth.

In September, the Florida Public Service Commission officially endorsed BellSouth's application to provide long-distance service in Florida. It was the last state regulatory body in the company's nine-state region to do so. Now, the application is in your office.

I understand that the FCC has already approved BellSouth's application to provide long distance in seven other states. I want to encourage you to rely on the findings and recommendation of the Florida Public Service Commission when considering the company's application. BellSouth will provide much needed competition and improvement to the level of service for long distance users.

BellSouth will be a welcome addition to the long distance market in Florida. The company will provide consumers with another choice and greater flexibility. They will also bring to the market a level of competition that will result in greater savings for all Florida consumers, regardless of which company they choose to do business with.

I urge you to approve BellSouth's application as quickly as possible. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Wayne M. Richards
Commissioner

c: FCC Commissioners



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Chairman Michael Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

As City Manager for the City of Sanford, I support Bell South's application to provide long distance service in Florida. Having a pool of competitive companies to provide service to our businesses and residents offers a choice and therefore competition among providers. This competition, as I have found in every other aspect of City Management, contains costs to our customers and often results in substantial savings.

Your approval of this application is in keeping with sound business practices and therefore I encourage you to support this application.

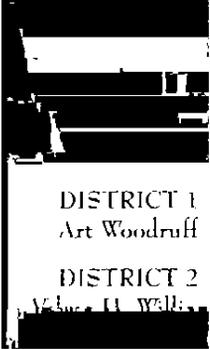
Sincerely,



Tony VanDerworp, AICP

City Manager

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September 25, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell:

I ~~am~~ writing this letter to encourage you to grant approval for BellSouth to enter the Long Distance ~~business~~ in Tennessee.

Recent experience has proven ~~that~~ consumers will benefit when the incumbent local telephone company is finally allowed to offer long distance ~~services~~.

Just look at what's happened in New ~~York~~ where Verizon now ~~offers~~ long distance in competition with AT&T, MCI, Sprint and other smaller companies. The Telecommunications Research and Action Center, a research organization not affiliated with any telecom company, estimates annual savings for New Yorkers at \$700 million since Verizon entered the long distance business in ~~that~~ state.

For Tennessee, Stephen B. Pociask, a noted economist and telecom industry analyst, estimates Tennesseans will see up to \$493 million a year in savings when BellSouth is allowed to sell long distance.

BellSouth entry into long distance will ~~bring~~ real competition to an industry dominated by only three companies.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Mansfield.
County Executive

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cc Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Bell South entry into long distance market

Dear Chairman Powell:

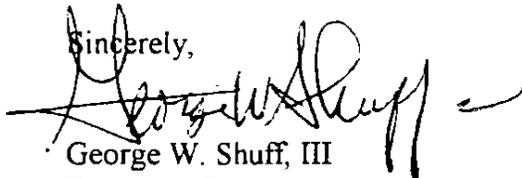
We would encourage you to grant Bell South approval to enter the long distance market.

Bell South's infrastructure investment throughout Tennessee has provided a communication network that is technologically advanced and reliable. They have provided their current services at a competitive rate both to residential and business customers.

The availability of this excellent communication system has assisted us in attracting business and industry to Tennessee that are making significant capital investments and creating jobs for our citizens.

Information presented to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority supports the wisdom of allowing Bell South to enter the long distance market. The additional competition will allow for pricing and servicing options not now available from other providers. The increase competition should be an advantage for all present and future customers.

Sincerely,



George W. Shuff, III
Executive Director



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Michael Powell, Chairinan
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street Southwest **WC DOCKET NO. 02-307**
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

I was pleased to read that the Florida Public Service Commission recently recommended BellSouth's petition to enter the long-distance market. I am writing to you today, to ask that you approve their petition

Allowing BellSouth into the long-distance market is the right thing to do for several reasons. Chief among those reasons is the fact that their entry into the long-distance market will bring more competition. And more competition translates to lower prices and more convenience for consumers.

Everyone is watching the economy these days, trying to find ways to save money. This is your opportunity to help the consumers of Florida save money on their long-distance bills.

I urge you to approve BellSouth's entry into the long-distance market.

Yours truly,

Addie L. Green.
County Commissioner
District 7

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October 2, 2002

Chairman Michael K. Powell
 Federal Communications Commission
 445 12th St. SW
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Dear Chairman Powell:

It is my understanding that BellSouth has filed its request with the FCC to be allowed to enter the long distance market in Tennessee and Florida. I strongly support BellSouth's entry into the long distance market in Tennessee. I think the approval for this additional long distance carrier is long overdue.

As a small businessman and former Tennessee State Senator, I am keenly aware of the many requirements that BellSouth has had to meet before receiving approval to provide long distance service here.

- The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has granted their approval for BellSouth to offer long distance service.
- We do have competition for local phone service.
- BellSouth has a major investment in infrastructure and their employees here in Tennessee.
- Their providing long distance service will save Tennessee families and businesses a significant amount of money.
- BellSouth is dependable and committed to quality service.
- BellSouth is a good corporate citizen.

In short, BellSouth has complied with all requirements to open its local market, as defined by Congress in The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and implemented by the FCC. They have earned the right to compete in the long distance market. I urge your approval.

Sincerely,

Lou Patten, CPCU
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
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445 12th Street, NW
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WC DOCKET NO. 02-307

Dear Chairman Powell:

I respectfully ask your support of the application of BellSouth to provide long distance service to my constituents, the citizens of Tennessee.

It has been proven that competitive long distance service provides both economic and service related benefits. The best way to ensure that Tennessee residents benefit from the promises of the Telecommunications Act is to completely open the long-distance market and let all companies compete. After the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) closely examined BellSouth's application and made sure that the FCC requirements for long distance authority were met, the body unanimously approved the company's application.

I sincerely hope that you will give favorable consideration to BellSouth's application, and I appreciate the opportunity to share with you my support.

Sincerely,



Ed Bryant, M.C.

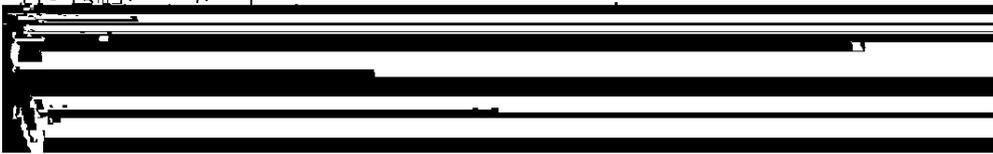
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Mr. Michael Powell
Chairmen
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

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Dear Mr. Powell:

During the past few months, I have been hearing about the lack of competition within the telephone industry. Companies such as AT&T, Supra and MCI have been very vocal about their inability to enter the local-service arena. I find this very amusing, considering the full-page ads I see on a regular basis from all three of the above companies offering local telephone service.

What I don't see are ads from BellSouth offering long-distance service. So in a sense, AT&T, MCI, Supra and others are right about the lack of competition. They're just wrong about which company is being denied the ability to compete.

I can order local and long distance telephone service from a variety of companies in Florida. The only company I can't get local and long-distance service from, is BellSouth.

You have the opportunity to correct this situation. I understand that BellSouth has an application before the commission that would allow the company to enter the long-distance market in Florida. I encourage you to approve their application and allow them the freedom afforded the other telecommunications companies in Florida.

Sincerely,



C. Ronald Belton
Vice President



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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

October 3, 2002

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Dear Commissioners:

As a former member of the Florida House of Representatives and current president of the Opa Locka Community Development Corporation, I am writing to express my wholehearted endorsement for approval of BellSouth's entry into the long distance market in Florida.

Permission for BellSouth to provide this service is long overdue; both for a company that has consistently been one of our state's best corporate citizens and for Florida's consumers.

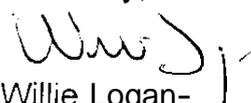
Over the years, BellSouth has been the hallmark of reliability during natural disasters and an economic engine for our state. As someone who is involved in economic development, I can personally attest to the company's impact on communities throughout Florida; providing jobs, paying for goods and services, making millions of dollars worth of charitable contributions and leading the way in technological innovation.

Now, with 160 other service providers operating in the state, there is a competitive, often confusing, array of companies vying for our long distance business. But BellSouth will be a welcome addition.

The company's track record of integrity and service promises to enhance the offerings, lower prices, and provide more convenience for customers. BellSouth's entry into the market is sure to raise the standards of customer service provided by ALL long distance companies,

I encourage you to give Floridians access to the quality of service and commitment that *only* BellSouth provides.

Sincerely,


Willie Logan-
President/CEO

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23RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FLORIDA

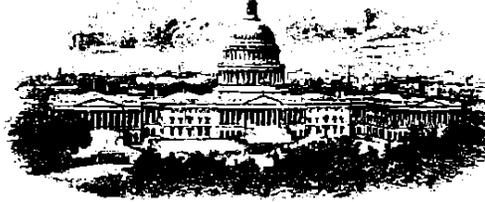
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Dear Commissioners:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

This letter is motivated by a sense of fairness. During my many years in public office, I've always sought a balanced approach towards issues. So I ask why every other telephone company in Florida can offer long distance service except BellSouth? I know there are laws the FCC needs to follow, but it seems it's long past time for Florida's largest telephone company to offer long distance to its customers.

After looking into this issue, I've found that competition is at a very high level in BellSouth's Florida service territory compared to the rest of the state. According to your records, the level of competition in Florida is around 8%, while competitors enjoy an 18.2% market share in the areas of the state BellSouth serves.

It seems the Florida Public Service Commission as well as BellSouth have accomplished the goal of promoting competition in the state thus clearing the way for BellSouth to enter the long distance market.

Please accept this letter as my support of BellSouth's request. It will be a positive step for consumers and to the competition in both long distance and local markets.

Sincerely,

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Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

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Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin

Bob Bennett
Member of Congress
Sincerely,
[Signature]

I respectfully request approval of BellSouth's application to provide long-distance service in Tennessee. I appreciate your time and consideration of this request and look forward to working with you to bring competition and lower prices to my constituents.

The best way to ensure that residents of Tennessee benefit from the promises of the Telecommunications Act is to open the long-distance market and allow all companies to compete. In New York and Texas research has not only shown that consumers and small businesses realized tremendous savings but many have simplified their lives by consolidating services.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will soon be reviewing BellSouth's application which, when approved, would allow it to provide long-distance service to the people of Tennessee. BellSouth has made great strides in opening its local markets and I believe that now is the time for Tennesseeans to have an additional choice in the long-distance market. It is on behalf my constituents that I am writing today.

Dear Chairman Powell,

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

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Chairman Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

The purpose of this letter is to support BellSouth's petition before the Federal Communications Commission to enter the long distance provider market in Tennessee and Florida. My organization, the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, has benefited over the past several years from BellSouth's generous corporate philanthropy to help level the playing field for all our citizens. The entry of BellSouth into the long distance arena will serve to further aid our constituents by giving them more choices and lower prices to help them stretch what are too often extremely tight budgets. The Urban League is a major Workforce Development provider, and BellSouth's long distance entry will help create job opportunities for our graduates.

In addition to the above, BellSouth's entry into long distance will encourage infrastructure development, capital investment, and help sustain and promote economic growth throughout our state and the nine-state BellSouth region. That will provide economic opportunities for all citizens and in turn help us at the Urban League meet our goal of providing equal opportunity for everyone in our community.

In closing, the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga encourages your favorable consideration of BellSouth's filing.

Sincerely,

Paula Autry
Board Chairperson

Warren E. Logan, Jr.
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William R. Miller
Chairman

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Clyde H. Robertson, Jr.
Vice Chairman

Dear Chairman Powell:

As President and CEO of Sanford Airport Authority, former Mayor of Sanford, and after over two decades in the construction and development business, my primary concern is the bottom line. I am always seeking development.

G. Geoffrey Longstaff
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Sincerely,

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