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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
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Petition of BellSouth for Forbearance from)
the Separate Subsidiary Requirements of)
Section 272 of the Communications Act of)
1934, as Amended, to Provide International)
Directory Assistance Services)

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CC Docket No. 97-172

ORDER

Adopted: November 24, 2003

Released: November 24, 2003

By the Chief, Competition Policy Division:

1. On December 20, 2002, BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) filed a petition for forbearance,¹ under section 10 of the Communications Act, as amended, requesting that the Commission forbear from applying the separate subsidiary requirements of section 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² to its international directory assistance service. On November 21, 2003, BellSouth filed a request to withdraw its petition for forbearance in light of the Commission's decision denying a forbearance petition filed by Verizon.³ We grant BellSouth's request to withdraw and dismiss its forbearance petition without prejudice.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that BellSouth's request to withdraw the above-captioned petition IS GRANTED.

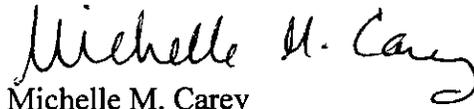
¹ Petition of BellSouth for Forbearance from Application of the Separate Subsidiary Requirements of Section 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, to Provide International Directory Assistance Service, CC Docket No. 97-172 (filed Dec 20, 2002); see also *Pleading Cycle Established for Comments on Petition of BellSouth for Forbearance from Application of the Separate Subsidiary Requirements of Section 272*, CC Docket No. 97-172, Public Notice, 18 FCC Rcd 39 (2003)

² 47 U.S.C § 272.

³ Letter from Angela N. Brown, Regulatory Counsel, BellSouth Corporation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 97-172 at 1 (filed Nov. 21, 2003) (citing *Petition of Verizon for Forbearance from the Prohibition of Sharing Operating, Installation, and Maintenance Functions Under Section 53 203(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket No. 96-149, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 03-271 (rel Nov. 4, 2003)).

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the above-captioned petition for forbearance IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

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