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COMMISSION CONFERENCE

Tuesday, December 17, 1996

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BEFORE: CHAIRMAN LYNN GREER
DIRECTOR MELVIN MALONE
DIRECTOR SARA KYLE

APPEARANCES:

Mr. David Waddell
Ms. Dianne Neal
Ms. Penelope Register
Dr. Austin Lyons
Dr. Chris Klein
Mr. Hal Novak

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1 that any time we're discussing these it should be,
2 these comments should always be saved for public
3 meetings and open meetings.

4 CHAIRMAN GREER: We have a motion.
5 I second the motion for the code of ethics, your
6 motion to approve the code of ethics as amended.

7 (Pause.)

8 CHAIRMAN GREER: I'm sorry. I
9 thought you made a motion.

10 DIRECTOR KYLE: I thought we voted
11 yes on that.

12 CHAIRMAN GREER: We have approved
13 your amendment then. I will make a motion that we
14 approve the code of ethics as amended.

15 DIRECTOR MALONE: I second the
16 motion.

17 DIRECTOR KYLE: And I voted -- yes,
18 I've already voted on that. It's on record. I vote
19 yes with the right to reserve, to add anything we need
20 to add to make it stronger.

21 CHAIRMAN GREER: Next item on the
22 agenda is Section 271 report. I'll call on
23 Austin Lyons to give us that report.

24 DR. LYONS: Chairman Greer,
25 Directors, we expect shortly, given the progress of

1 interconnection with incumbent local telephone
2 companies and new carriers, that BellSouth will in a
3 reasonable amount of time be asking for consideration
4 to get into the long distance business under the
5 sections of Section 271 of the Federal Act.

6 In anticipation of that and the fact
7 that the FCC is required to act on such a request
8 within 90 days and to consult with state commissions
9 in preparation making that recommendation, we're
10 asking for the directors to authorize the staff to
11 begin an investigation of BellSouth's compliance
12 requirements of this provision of the Act and to
13 report back to you with comments from the effected
14 parties by February 18th of this year, next year,
15 excuse me. We're fast, but not that fast.

16 CHAIRMAN GREER: Say that again. I'm
17 sorry.

18 DR. LYONS: We're asking you to
19 authorize the staff to begin an investigation into
20 BellSouth's compliance with the requirements for entry
21 into the in-region interLATA long distance service
22 pursuant to Section 271 of the Federal
23 Telecommunications Act and to issue a report to you on
24 the status of things by February 18th, 1997.

25 CHAIRMAN GREER: I'll so move.

1 DIRECTOR MALONE: I'll second the
2 motion.

3 DIRECTOR KYLE: Yes, I'm in
4 agreement.

5 CHAIRMAN GREER: Our general counsel
6 has spoken with those parties who are involved in
7 Docket No. 96-1423, and that is the Sprint/United
8 price cap regulation preconference hearing that was
9 held this past week. And they have waived notice to
10 take care of one issue. We are going to finish that
11 preconference hearing this afternoon at 1:30 in this
12 room, but there's one item that needs to be taken care
13 of. And all parties have agreed to a revised
14 protective order. And as the hearing officer, I make
15 a motion that we approve the revised protective order
16 and the protective order is exactly the same with the
17 exception of changing the names as to the protective
18 order that was used in the avoidable cost hearing. I
19 so move.

20 DIRECTOR MALONE: I'll second the
21 motion.

22 DIRECTOR KYLE: Fine with me.

23 CHAIRMAN GREER: That's unanimous.

24 We're going to take a five-minute
25 break and then we'll be back to pick up on

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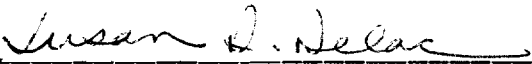
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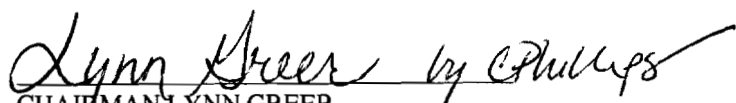
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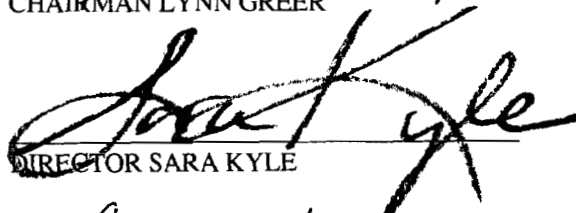


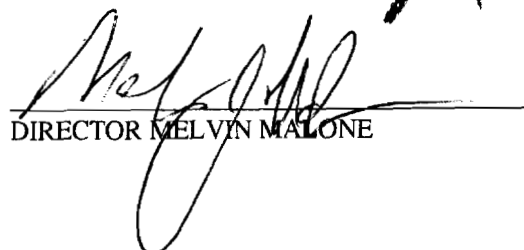
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