

BEFORE THE
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: The Development of Deaveraged) Docket No. 2000-AD-42
Rates for Interconnection and)
Unbundled Network Elements)
and Related Issues)

ORDER

On January 21, 2000, the Commission established this docket for the purpose of identifying a minimum of three (3) geographical areas within the State of Mississippi which reflect geographical differences because of high density or customer concentration to establish rates for the deaveraged interconnection and unbundled network elements ("UNEs"), and to address all related issues. The time in which the Commission must accomplish these goals is limited by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), which has determined that the rule found in 47 C.F.R. 51.507(f), must be implemented no later than May 1, 2000. That rule requires state commissions to establish different rates for UNEs in at least three defined geographic areas within the state to reflect geographic cost differences.

On March 31, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. and MCI WorldCom, Inc. filed a Joint Stipulation Regarding UNE Deaveraging (the "Stipulation"). The other parties to this docket notified the Commission that, although they had not

signed the Stipulation, they did not oppose it. The Stipulation establishes deaveraged UNE rates and rates for certain UNE combinations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "deaveraged UNE rates") for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in Mississippi to be effective May 1, 2000 and to remain in effect until modified by future Commission decision. The stipulated rates are based on the statewide average rates established by the Commission's August 18, 1998 Order in Docket No. 97-AD-544.

The Commission finds that the methodology and the results of the Joint Stipulation regarding UNE deaveraging are reasonable and non-binding on future decisions and that, given the applicable time constraints, the stipulated UNE rates and rates for certain UNE combinations should be adopted until such time as the Commission's investigation into these issues is concluded.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The rates contained in the Joint Stipulation, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are the deaveraged UNE rates for BellSouth in Mississippi effective May 1, 2000.

2. A copy of this Order shall be served upon the FCC as demonstration of compliance with the deaveraging rule.

Chairman Nielsen Cochran voted Aye; Vice-Chairman Michael Callahan voted Aye; Commissioner Bo Robinson voted Aye.

SO ORDERED on this the 20th day of April, 2000.

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Michael Callahan
MICHAEL CALLAHAN, VICE CHAIRMAN

Bo Robinson
BO ROBINSON, COMMISSIONER

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Executive Secretary

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In re:)
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEAVERAGED)
RATES FOR INTERCONNECTION AND)
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS AND)
RELATED ISSUES)

Docket No. 2000-AD-42

JOINT STIPULATION REGARDING UNE DEAVERAGING

THIS JOINT STIPULATION ("Stipulation") is entered into by and among the following parties ("Parties"): BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"); AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"); and MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCIW").

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has announced that its stay of Rule 51.507(f) (the FCC's "Deaveraging Rule") will be lifted effective six months from the date of the release of its Order Regarding New Mechanism for Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Provided to Non-Rural Carriers (CC Docket No. 96-45), which Order was released November 2, 1999, thus lifting the stay of the FCC's Deaveraging Rule on May 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the FCC's Deaveraging Rule provides in part that "State commissions shall establish different rates for elements in at least three defined geographic areas within the state to reflect geographic cost differences"; and

WHEREAS, the Parties do not believe that it is possible to conclude a proceeding to establish permanent cost-based deaveraged unbundled network element ("UNE") rates in Mississippi by the date the stay of the FCC's Deaveraging Rule is lifted; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are willing to agree and stipulate to a plan for UNE rate deaveraging to avoid the necessity for the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") to seek a waiver of the FCC's Deaveraging Rule; and

WHEREAS, this Stipulation is the result of a compromise agreement reached between the Parties in order to accommodate the pending FCC deadline, and is not intended to set a precedent for the resolution of any issue related to UNE rates in this or any other proceeding.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. This Stipulation establishes deaveraged UNE rates and rates for certain UNE combinations (hereinafter collectively referred to as "deaveraged UNE rates") for BellSouth in Mississippi, which are set forth in Attachment A to this Stipulation. The rates set forth in Attachment A are based on the statewide average rates established by the Commission's August 18, 1998, Order in Docket No. 97-AD-544.
2. The deaveraged UNE rates in this Stipulation will take effect on May 1, 2000 (unless the effective date of the lifting of the stay of the FCC's Deaveraging Rule is changed by the FCC or court of competent jurisdiction, in which case the revised date established will control). These rates will remain in effect until they are replaced by permanent deaveraged UNE rates established in this or any other Commission proceeding. The deaveraged UNE rates in this Stipulation will be available to parties that have an interconnection agreement with BellSouth. As between the Parties who are signatories to this Stipulation, the above-mentioned effective dates shall have the effect of a Commission order and will not be delayed pending formal amendment of the Parties' individual interconnection agreements. The deaveraged UNE rates in this Stipulation will not be subject to true-up in the event such rates are replaced by permanent rates resulting from this or any other Commission proceeding.
3. Nothing in this Stipulation shall establish any precedent for the Commission's resolution of any issue in this proceeding or in any other proceeding addressing the issue of UNE rates. In any proceeding before the Commission, each Party is free to advocate any position with respect to all such matters pertaining to the issue of UNE rates.

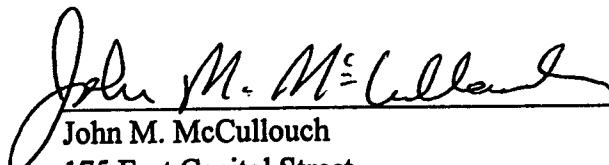
4. This Stipulation will be submitted to the Commission for approval as soon as it is executed by the Parties.

5. If this Stipulation is not accepted by the Commission in its entirety and without modification, it shall have no further force and effect and shall not be admissible for any purpose in any further proceedings in this docket, any appeal or other judicial proceedings related to this docket, or any future judicial or regulatory proceedings.

6. Each Party agrees that if this Stipulation is approved, it will not challenge in any forum: (i) the deaveraged UNE rates set forth in Attachment A, (ii) the period during which the rates are in effect, or (iii) the absence of deaveraged UNE rates for any elements not included on Attachment A. This Stipulation does not affect or prejudice the position of any party in any pending judicial or administrative proceeding relating to the level of any existing average or deaveraged loop rate and/or the appropriateness of the cost methodology used to establish any such rate. Nothing in this Stipulation shall prevent any party from pursuing or opposing, at any time, in any proceeding, any issues concerning universal service funding, rate rebalancing, recovery of stranded costs, or other actions which may impact UNE and retail rates.

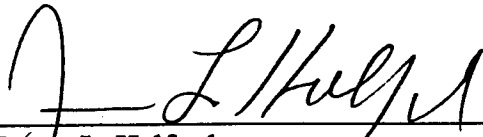
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Stipulation on the dates set forth next to their respective signatures.

SIGNED THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH, 2000.


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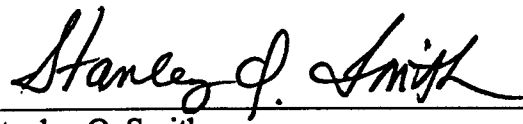
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James L. Halford, one of the attorneys of record for AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., hereby certify that on this the 31st day of March, 2000, I caused to be hand-delivered the original and fourteen (14) copies of the above and foregoing Joint Stipulation Regarding UNE Deaveraging to Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Public Service Commission, 19th Floor, Walter Sillers Building, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, and have hand-delivered one copy of said motion to George M. Fleming, General Counsel, Mississippi Public Utilities Staff, 17th Floor, Walter Sillers Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

I have further caused to be hand-delivered or mailed by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of said Motion to the following:

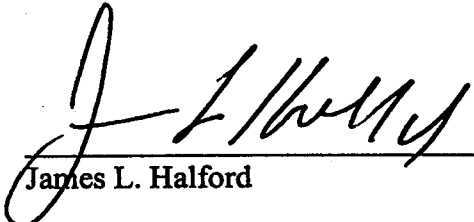
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**MISSISSIPPI ATTACHMENT A
PROPOSED DEAVERAGED RATES FOR UNE LOOPS AND COMBINATIONS**

	Statewide Loop Rate	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
UNE LOOPS (Recurring Rates)					
2-wire analog voice grade loop - service level 1	\$ 21.26	\$ 15.56	\$ 20.65	\$ 20.51	\$ 38.84
2-wire analog voice grade loop - service level 2	\$ 25.05	\$ 18.35	\$ 24.33	\$ 24.77	\$ 45.88
4-wire analog voice grade loop	\$ 30.35	\$ 22.38	\$ 29.67	\$ 42.40	\$ 55.95
2-wire ISDN digital grade loop	\$ 29.53	\$ 21.86	\$ 28.97	\$ 41.40	\$ 54.84
2-wire asymmetrical digital subscriber line (ADSL) compatible loop	\$ 34.83	\$ 10.87	\$ 14.40	\$ 20.58	\$ 27.18
2-wire high bit rate digital subscriber line (HDSL) compatible loop	\$ 41.80	\$ 8.50	\$ 11.26	\$ 16.10	\$ 21.25
4-wire high bit rate digital subscriber line (HDSL) compatible loop	\$ 48.56	\$ 10.36	\$ 13.73	\$ 19.62	\$ 25.90
4-wire DS1 digital loop	\$ 54.95	\$ 50.99	\$ 67.58	\$ 68.58	\$ 127.47
4-wire 56 or 64 Kbps digital grade loop	\$ 34.86	\$ 25.81	\$ 33.94	\$ 48.51	\$ 64.02
Unbundled copper loop	\$ 23.00	\$ 18.85	\$ 22.34	\$ 31.92	\$ 42.13
UNE COMBINATIONS (Recurring and Non-Recurring Rates)					
Loop/Port					
2-wire analog voice grade loop SL1 and port, Recurring	\$ 22.03	\$ 16.71	\$ 21.45	\$ 20.75	\$ 38.58
2-wire voice grade loop	\$ 21.89	\$ 14.59	\$ 19.33	\$ 27.83	\$ 36.47
2-wire port	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.12
NR-Installation-Electronic-First	\$ 4.50				
NR-Installation-Electronic-Additional	\$ 0.41				
NR-Installation-Manual-First	\$ 43.52				
NR-Installation-Manual-Additional	\$ 4.99				
NR-Subsequent database update - Electronic	\$ 2.87				
NR-Subsequent database update - Manual	\$ 6.72				
Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs)					
2-wire analog voice grade loop SL2 and DS1 ded interoffice transport with channelization¹					
Fixed 1st circuit in DS1, Recurring	\$ 336.89	\$ 228.80	\$ 235.88	\$ 246.32	\$ 257.43
2-wire voice grade loop	\$ 25.05	\$ 18.35	\$ 24.33	\$ 34.77	\$ 45.88
DS1 facility termination	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40
DS1 system	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70
Voice grade plug-in	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45
Interoffice transport - ded - DS1 per mile, Recurring	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598
Per additional circuit in same DS1, Recurring	\$ 26.50	\$ 19.80	\$ 25.78	\$ 36.22	\$ 47.33
2-wire voice grade loop	\$ 25.05	\$ 18.35	\$ 24.33	\$ 34.77	\$ 45.88
Voice grade plug-in	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45
NR-Installation-Electronic-First	\$ 4.50				
NR-Installation-Electronic-Additional	\$ 0.41				
NR-Installation-Manual-First	\$ 43.52				
NR-Installation-Manual-Additional	\$ 4.99				
NR-Disconnect-Electronic-First	\$ 15.23				
NR-Disconnect-Electronic-Additional	\$ 15.23				
NR-Disconnect-Manual-First	\$ 162.11				
NR-Disconnect-Manual-Additional	\$ 14.37				
4-wire analog voice grade loop and DS1 ded interoffice transport with channelization¹					
Fixed 1st circuit in DS1, Recurring	\$ 343.92	\$ 238.35	\$ 242.64	\$ 255.37	\$ 268.83
4-wire voice grade loop	\$ 30.65	\$ 22.38	\$ 29.67	\$ 42.40	\$ 55.95
DS1 facility termination	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40
DS1 system	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70
Voice grade plug-in	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87
Interoffice transport - ded - DS1 per mile, Recurring	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598
Per additional circuit in same DS1, Recurring	\$ 33.48	\$ 25.25	\$ 32.64	\$ 45.77	\$ 58.83
4-wire voice grade loop	\$ 30.65	\$ 22.38	\$ 29.67	\$ 42.40	\$ 55.95
Voice grade plug-in	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87
NR-Installation-Electronic-First	\$ 4.50				
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NR-Disconnect-Manual-First	\$ 162.11				
NR-Disconnect-Manual-Additional	\$ 14.37				
DS0 digital 56 or 64 kbps loop and DS1 ded interoffice transport with channelization¹					
Fixed 1st circuit in DS1, Recurring	\$ 347.92	\$ 238.58	\$ 246.91	\$ 261.48	\$ 278.99
DS0 56 or 64 kbps loop	\$ 34.95	\$ 25.81	\$ 33.94	\$ 48.51	\$ 64.02
DS1 facility termination	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40
DS1 system	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70	\$ 135.70
Voice grade plug-in	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87
Interoffice transport - ded - DS1 per mile, Recurring	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598	\$ 0.6598
Per additional circuit in same DS1, Recurring	\$ 37.82	\$ 28.48	\$ 36.81	\$ 51.38	\$ 66.90
DS0 56 or 64 kbps loop	\$ 34.95	\$ 25.81	\$ 33.94	\$ 48.51	\$ 64.02
Voice grade plug-in	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.87
NR-Installation-Electronic-First	\$ 4.50				
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NR-Disconnect-Electronic-Additional	\$ 15.23				
NR-Disconnect-Manual-First	\$ 162.11				
NR-Disconnect-Manual-Additional	\$ 14.37				
DS1 digital loop and DS1 ded interoffice transport¹					
Fixed, Recurring	\$ 143.88	\$ 125.30	\$ 141.88	\$ 170.08	\$ 201.87
DS1 loop	\$ 69.50	\$ 50.99	\$ 67.58	\$ 68.58	\$ 127.47
DS1 facility termination	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40	\$ 74.40
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Zone Make-up
 Zone 1 (RG 9-13)
 Zone 2 (RG 5-8)
 Zone 3 (RG 2-4)
 Zone 4 (RG 1)

Notes:

¹ Combination rate includes the local loop (loop from BellSouth's central office to end-user's premises), interoffice transport (transport between BellSouth's offices), and channelization necessary for 2-wire, 4-wire, and DS0 combinations. A collocation cross-connect may also need to be purchased to complete the circuit.

MS Wire Centers	Zones
JCSNMSBL	1
JCSNMSCB	1
JCSNMSCP	1
JCSNMSMB	1
JCSNMSNR	1
JCSNMSPC	1
JCSNMSRW	1
MDSNMSES	1
RYMNMSDS	1
BILXMSDI	1
BILXMSSE	1
BILXMSMA	1
BOTNMSMA	1
BRNDMSES	1
EDWRMSDS	1
FLORMSMA	1
GLPTMSLY	1
GLPTMSTS	1
TRRYMSMA	1
OCSPMSGO	1
PSCHMSLT	1
PSCHMSMA	1
VNCLMSMA	1
HRLYMSMA	1
HTBGMSMA	1
HTBGMSWE	1
MSPNMSMA	1
PSCGMSGA	1
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SRISMSMA	1
BLDWMSMF	1
BRWDMSMA	1
CHNKMSSU	1
COVLMSSU	1
CSVLMSSU	1
DFFEMSMA	1
MNASMSMA	1
MRDNMSTL	1
NTTNMSMA	1
OBDHMSMA	1
SHNNMSMA	1
SLTLMSSU	1

TMSBMSMA	1
TUPLMSMA	1
VRNAMMSMA	1
BSLSMSMA	2
CAFBMSMA	2
CLDNMSMA	2
CLMBMSMA	2
ELVLMMSMA	2
GNVLMMSMA	2
HODLMSMA	2
LARLMSMA	2
LELDMSMA	2
PLTNMSMA	2
BNITMSMA	2
GNWDMMSMA	2
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PLHTMSMA	2
SKVLMMSMA	2
SNSDMSSU	2
STRGMSSU	2
VCBGMSMA	2
CDWRMSMA	2
CRNTMSMA	2
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INDPMSSU	2
ITBNMSMA	2
MCCMMSMA	2
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OSYKMSMA	2
OXFRMSMA	2
SMDLMSSU	2
ABRDMSES	2
AMRYMSMA	2
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CSDLMSMA	2
ENTRMSMA	2
FRPNMSMA	2
HMTNMSSU	2
HRNNMSDS	2

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CLEVMSMA	3
CLMAMSMA	3
ETHLMSMA	3
GRNDMSMA	3
HLSPMSMA	3
KSCSMSMA	3
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MTOLMSMA	3
NWALMSMA	3
PHLAMMSMA	3
PTCMMSSU	3
SNTBMSPS	3
WSPNMSMA	3
YZCYMSMA	3
BLMTMSMA	3
BNVLMMSMA	3
BRVLMMSMA	3
CLNSMSMA	3
CNTNMSMA	3
CRTHMSMA	3
DRNTMSMA	3
FORSMSMA	3
GDMNMSMA	3
HPVLMSSU	3
HSTNMSMA	3
INDNMSMA	3
INVRMSMA	3
IUKAMSES	3
LAKEMSMA	3
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LENAMSSU	3
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