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International Bureau Policy Division Grants
BellSouth International Section 214 Authority for Alabama, Kentucky,
Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") (47 U.S.C. § 214) and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.18), the International Bureau, Policy Division, grants the application filed by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (BSLD) for authority to provide international service originating in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Specifically, the Applicant requests authority to provide global international facilities-based service between all points in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina and all international points, except countries listed on the Commission's exclusion list; and resale service between all points in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina and all international points.

The application covers traffic originating in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina, which are "in-region" states of BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth). The international section 214 application is a companion to the joint application of BellSouth for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina pursuant to section 271 of the Act (47 U.S.C. § 271). No comments were filed on BSLD's international section 214 application, which was put on public notice on July 18, 2002 (*see Non-Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing*, FCC File No. ITC-214-20020628-00328, Public Notice, DA 02-1724 (rel. July 18, 2002)).

On September 18, 2002, the Commission approved BellSouth's section 271 application (*see Application of BellSouth Corporation, for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina*, WC Docket

No. 02-150, Memorandum Opinion and Order FCC 02-260, rel. September 18, 2002). Because BellSouth has received section 271 authority to provide in-region, interLATA service in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina, we grant BSLD authority to provide international facilities-based service originating in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina and terminating at all international points, except those countries listed on the Commission's exclusion list; and international resale service originating in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina and terminating at all international points. Grant of the international section 214 application will serve the public interest by increasing competition in international services, expanding the range of new and innovative services, and allowing for more efficient use of existing international telecommunications facilities.

BSLD requests nondominant treatment for the following routes where it has affiliations with foreign carriers: U.S.-Israel, U.S.-Germany, U.S.-Denmark, U.S.-Guatemala, U.S.-Panama, U.S.-Venezuela, U.S.-Columbia, U.S.-Ecuador, U.S.-Peru, U.S.-Uruguay, U.S.-Argentina, U.S.-Chile, U.S.-Brazil, U.S.-Nicaragua, and U.S.-United Kingdom. BSLD has provided sufficient evidence that the foreign carriers with which BSLD is affiliated on these routes lack sufficient market power on the foreign end of the routes to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market. BSLD will therefore be regulated as nondominant in its provision of services on all routes.

This grant of the international section 214 application will become effective upon the effective date of the Commission Order granting authorization to BellSouth to provide in-region, interLATA services in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.