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International Bureau's Policy Division Grants BSLD International Section 214 Authority for Georgia and Louisiana

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's Policy Division approves the application filed by BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. ("BSLD") requesting authority to provide international facilities-based and resale services originating in the states of Georgia and Louisiana and terminating at all international points, except countries listed on the Commission's exclusion list.

This application covers traffic originating in the states of Georgia and Louisiana, which are two of the in-region states of BellSouth Corporation ("BellSouth") and BellSouth's subsidiaries, including BSLD. BSLD's international Section 214 Application is a companion to the joint application of BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BST"), and BSLD, for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA services in the states of Georgia and Louisiana, 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 March 13, 2002 (*See Non-Streamlined International Application Accepted for Filing*, Public Notice, FCC File No. ITC-214-20020219-00085, DA 02-600 (rel. March 13, 2002)).

Yesterday the Commission approved BellSouth's Section 271 application (*See "FCC-02-147"*). Because BellSouth has received Section 271 authority to provide in-region, interLATA services in the states of Georgia and Louisiana, we grant BSLD authority to provide international facilities-based and resale services originating in Georgia and Louisiana and terminating at all international points, except countries listed on the Commission's exclusion list. 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.-Colombia, 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 Bell South Corporation to provide in-region, interLATA services in the states of Georgia and Louisiana.

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