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## **International Bureau Policy Division Grants** **BellSouth International Section 214 Authority for Florida and Tennessee**

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. (BellSouth LD or Applicant), a subsidiary of BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) for authority to provide international service originating in the states of Florida and Tennessee. Specifically, Applicant requests authority to provide global international facilities-based service, except to those countries listed on the Commission's exclusion list, and to resell international service between all points in the states of Florida and Tennessee and all international points. Applicant requests grant of this application at such time as BellSouth receives authority to provide in-region, interLATA service in Florida and Tennessee pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 271.

As described above, the international section 214 application covers traffic originating in the states of Florida and Tennessee, which are two of the "in-region" states of BellSouth and its subsidiary, BellSouth LD. The international section 214 application is a companion to the joint application of BellSouth, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth LD for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the states of Florida and Tennessee pursuant to section 271 of the Act. No comments were filed on the international application, which was put on public notice on October 31, 2002 (*see Non-Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing*, File No. ITC-214-20021009-00500, Public Notice, DA 02-2930 (rel. October 31, 2002)).

On December 19, 2002, the Commission approved BellSouth's section 271 application (*see Application of BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Florida and Tennessee*, CC Docket No. 02-307, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 02-331, rel.

December 19, 2002). Because BellSouth has received section 271 authority to provide in-region, interLATA service in the states of Florida and Tennessee, we grant BellSouth LD authority to provide international facilities-based and resale service originating in the states of Florida and Tennessee. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(1)-(3). The Bureau finds that 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.

We grant Applicant's request for non-dominant classification on all routes where Applicant has affiliations with foreign carriers. Applicant has demonstrated that these foreign carriers lack sufficient market power on the foreign end of the routes to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market. In sum, BellSouth LD will be classified as non-dominant in its provision of U.S. international services on all routes. Grant of this 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 Florida and Tennessee.

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