

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability)	CC Docket No. 98-147
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And)	
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Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act Of 1996)	CC Docket No. 96-98
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ORDER

Adopted: March 4, 2004

Released: March 4, 2004

By the Chief, Competition Policy Division:

1. On March 8, 2001, BellSouth Corporation (BellSouth) filed a Petition for Reconsideration, seeking reconsideration of the Commission's *Third Report and Order on Reconsideration* in the above referenced proceeding.¹ BellSouth specifically requested reconsideration of the *Report and Order* on the issue of converting an existing line sharing arrangement to a line splitting arrangement. On March 1, 2004, BellSouth filed a Letter requesting that its petition for reconsideration be withdrawn because it no longer wishes to pursue its petition.² In this Order, we grant BellSouth's request to withdraw and dismiss the petition.

¹ *In the Matter of Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, CC Docket Nos. 98-147 and 96-98, *Third Report and Order on Reconsideration* in CC Docket No. 98-147, *Fourth Report and Order on Reconsideration* in CC Docket No. 96-98, 16 FCC Rcd 2101 (2001).

² Letter from Stephen L. Earnest, Regulatory Counsel, BellSouth, to Marlene H. Dortch, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 98-147 (filed March 1, 2004).

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that BellSouth's request to withdraw the above-captioned petition IS GRANTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Chief, Competition Policy Division