

October 2, 2001

The Honorable John Ashcroft  
Attorney General of the United States  
of America  
Department of Justice -- Room 4400  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Lauren McDonald, Jr., Chairman  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
224 Washington Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Laurence C. St. Blanc, Secretary  
Louisiana Public Service Commission  
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Re: Application of BellSouth Corporation for Authorization Under Section 271 of the  
Communications Act to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service in the States of Georgia  
and Louisiana, CC Docket No. 01-277

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft, Chairman McDonald, and Secretary St. Blanc:

Pursuant to section 271(d)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), this letter is to advise you that on October 2, 2001, BellSouth Corporation filed an application requesting authorization under section 271 of the Act to provide in-region, interLATA service in the states of Georgia and Louisiana. Attached is a Public Notice that, *inter alia*, sets forth the dates on which filings concerning that application are due. Also attached is a protective order, Protective Order, DA 01-2287 (Common Carrier Bureau rel. October 2, 2001), that establishes the conditions under which access to confidential documents submitted in this proceeding by BellSouth Corporation or any other party will be made available.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy T. Attwood  
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau