STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. P-55, SUB 1022

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of BellSouth Telecommunications,)	
Inc., to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Service)	ORDER CONCERNING
Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommuni-)	SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFS
cations Act of 1996)	

BY THE CHAIR: On November 14, 1997, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T), moved the Commission to allow the filing of supplemental briefs in the above docket. AT&T also attached a copy of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) evaluation of BellSouth's South Carolina application. AT&T stated that allowing supplemental briefs would not prejudice any party or cause any change in the procedural schedule. AT&T suggested that parties wanting to file supplemental briefs should do so within five (5) days of an Order granting its motion.

After careful consideration, the Chair concludes that good cause exists not to allow the filing of supplemental briefs at this time since the Commission is already engaged in the decision-making process. However, the Chair will allow parties to file pertinent official documents, such as the DOJ evaluation, of which the Commission can take judicial notice. Those documents, however, will speak for themselves.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR.

This the <u>21st</u> day of <u>November</u>, 1997.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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