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Dated: December 24, 1997.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Common Sense Initiative Council (CSIC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of Public Advisory for CSI Iron and Steel Sector and Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee Meetings; Open Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Iron and Steel Sector and Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittees of the CSIC will meet on the dates and times described below. Both meetings are open to the public. Seating at both meetings will be on a first-come basis and limited time will be provided for public comment. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed with the announcements below.

(1) *Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee Meeting—January 21–22,*

1998. The Iron and Steel Sector Subcommittee will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, January 21 and Thursday, January 22, 1998. On Wednesday, the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. CST and will run until 5:00 p.m. CST. Shortly after convening, the Subcommittee will break into work group sessions and reconvene in the afternoon. On Thursday, the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. CST and end at 4:00 p.m. CST. The Subcommittee will review the status of the two work groups it has created to deal with environmental performance and monitoring and decide its next steps. The meeting will be held both days at the Metcalf Federal Building, Great Lakes Conference Center, 12th floor, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

At its October meeting, the Subcommittee decided to create two work groups: environmental performance and monitoring. The environmental performance work group is working on developing a code of conduct and a definition of substantial compliance for the industry, and the monitoring work group is exploring the different federal, state, and local monitoring requirements with a goal of considering if current monitoring of the industry is relevant to today's needs. At the January meeting, the Subcommittee will allow time on January 21st for the two work groups to meet in the morning and early afternoon, then review the progress of these two work groups and decide its next steps. Additionally, it will review the status of ongoing projects and discuss the development of papers dealing with industry-specific Resource Conservation and Recovery Act issues.

For more information about this meeting, please contact: Ms. Judith Hecht, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at US EPA by telephone at 202-260-5682 in Washington, D.C. or by E-mail at hecht.judy@epamail.epa.gov, or Mr. Robert Tolpa at EPA Region 5 in Chicago, Illinois, on 312-886-6706, or Dr. Mahesh Podar at EPA, Washington, DC on 202-260-5387.

(2) *Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee Meeting—January 26–27, 1998.* The Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee will hold an open meeting on January 26 and 27, 1998. Work Group meetings will be held from 1:00 pm CST to 5:00 pm CST on Monday, January 26. The full Subcommittee will meet from approximately 8:00 am CST until 5:00 pm CST on Tuesday, January 27, 1998. The meeting will be held at the Harvey Hotel Dallas, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas 75240. The hotel telephone number is 972-960-7000.

The Subcommittee meeting agenda includes an update on the status of the Refinery Air Information Reporting System Project and the Equipment Leaks Project. The Subcommittee also plans to discuss potential new project ideas. A public comment period has been scheduled from approximately 2:00 pm CST until 3:00 pm CST on Tuesday, January 27, 1998.

For further information concerning this meeting of the Petroleum Refining Sector Subcommittee, please contact either Craig Weeks, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at US EPA Region 6 (6EN), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, by telephone at 214-665-7505 or E-mail at weeks.craig@epamail.epa.gov or Steve Souders, Alternate DFO, at US EPA (5306W), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, by telephone at 703-308-8431 or E-mail at souders.steve@epamail.epa.gov.

Inspection of Subcommittee Documents: Documents relating to the above topics will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with the official minutes for the meetings, will be available for public inspection in room 2821M of EPA Headquarters, Common Sense Initiative Staff, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone number 202-260-7417. Common Sense Initiative information can be accessed electronically on our web site at <http://www.epa.gov/commonsense>.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

Kathleen Bailey,

Designated Federal Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

December 22, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the

Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before March 3, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0639.

Title: Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act, Competitive Bidding, PP Docket Number 93-253, First Report and Order. *Form No.:* N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for profit.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Cost to Respondents: N/A.

Total Annual Burden: 400 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 3002 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 amended Section 309(j), to, in effect, reduce the situations in which the use of random selection is appropriate. While the Commission proposes to reduce the number of respondents, it does not reduce the burden hours required to complete an individual information collection. The Commission seeks comment on this proposal and other methods by which the burden on respondents may be reduced.

The Commission will use the information to determine whether the public interest would be served by

granting a transfer of control or an assignment of a license awarded through lottery procedures. The foregoing estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the burden estimates or any other aspect of the collection of information.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,
Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 97-208; FCC 97-418]

Application of BellSouth Corporation, et al. Pursuant to Section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in South Carolina

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Memorandum Opinion and Order (Order) in CC Docket No. 97-208 concludes that BellSouth Corporation, *et al.* (BellSouth) has not satisfied the requirements of section 271(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act). The Commission therefore denies, pursuant to section 271(d)(3), BellSouth's application to provide in-region interLATA services in South Carolina. The Order declines to grant BellSouth authority to provide in-region interLATA services in South Carolina.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Pryor, Attorney, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Order adopted December 24, 1997, and released December 24, 1997. The full text of this Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 1919 M St., N.W., Room 239, Washington, D.C. The complete text also may be obtained through the World Wide Web, at <http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common Carrier/Orders/fcc97-228.wp>, or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Synopsis Of Order

1. On September 30, 1997, BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. (collectively, BellSouth) filed an application for authorization under section 271 of the Act, to provide in-region interLATA services in the State of South Carolina. In this Order, the Commission concludes that BellSouth may not obtain authorization to provide in-region, interLATA services in South Carolina pursuant to section 271(c)(1)(B) at this time because it has failed to meet its burden of demonstrating that it has received no qualifying requests for access and interconnection that, if implemented, would satisfy the requirements of section 271(c)(1)(A). The Commission further concludes that BellSouth has not yet demonstrated that it has fully implemented the competitive checklist in section 271(c)(2)(B). In particular, the Commission finds that BellSouth has not met its burden of showing that it meets the competitive checklist with respect to: (1) access to its operations support systems; (2) access to network elements; and (3) resale. The Commission concludes that BellSouth complies with the requirement to provide access to 911 and E911 services, and that BellSouth's inbound telemarketing script is consistent with the Act. The Commission therefore denies, pursuant to section 271(d)(3), BellSouth's application to provide in-region interLATA services in South Carolina.

2. *Compliance with Section 271(c)(1)(B).* The Commission concludes that BellSouth may not obtain authorization to provide in-region, interLATA services in South Carolina pursuant to section 271(c)(1)(B) at this time because it has failed to meet its burden of demonstrating that it has received no qualifying requests for access and interconnection that, if implemented, would satisfy the requirements of section 271(c)(1)(A). The Commission, as an initial matter, clarifies its standard for evaluating qualifying requests and the role of reasonable steps in its evaluation.

3. The Commission further concludes that MCI's provision of telephone exchange service on a test basis, at no charge, to the homes of nineteen MCI employees, does not qualify MCI as a competing provider under section 271(c)(1)(A), and therefore BellSouth has not satisfied the requirements of section 271(c)(1)(A).

4. *Compliance with the Competitive Checklist in Section 271(c)(2)(B).* For the