

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR  
PACIFIC TELESIS GROUP'S PETITION  
FOR WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S  
ACCESS TIME STANDARDS FOR  
800 DATA BASE SERVICE

CC DOCKET NO. 86-10

On January 21, 1992, Pacific Telesis Group (PacTel), through its operating companies Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell, filed a petition for waiver of certain provisions of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration and Second Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* adopted August 1, 1991 in CC Docket No. 86-10, 6 FCC Rcd 5421 (*Reconsideration Order*).

Specifically, PacTel seeks a waiver of the access time standards established in the *Reconsideration Order*. Pursuant to these standards, the Bell Operating Companies and GTE Telephone Companies are required to reduce access time under a data base system of 800 access to five seconds or less for 97% of their originating 800 traffic by March 1993. Within two years thereafter, these carriers are required to have none of their data base 800 traffic experience an access time of greater than five seconds, and the mean access time for all of their 800 data base traffic must be 2.5 seconds or less. See 6 FCC Rcd at 5425.

PacTel states that actual testing of the data base system indicates that data base system access times will be greater than previously projected and that consequently, PacTel cannot meet the Commission's access time standards and deadlines at a reasonable cost. PacTel asks the Commission to waive the access time requirements of the *Reconsideration Order* to permit: (i) an access time of six seconds or less for 97% of PacTel's traffic and five seconds or less for 82.1% of its traffic by March 1993, with a mean access time of 2.5 seconds; and (ii) an access time of five seconds or less for 97.7% of PacTel's traffic by March 1995, with a mean access time of one second.

PacTel states that by granting this waiver, the Commission will attain the goals set out in the *Reconsideration Order* to promote competition in the 800 service market and to promote advances in network infrastructure, while balancing PacTel's need to make economic and rational network design decisionmaking. In addition, PacTel asserts that the great majority of the public will benefit from having mean access times lower than those mandated by the Commission.

Interested parties should file comments on the petition by **February 20, 1992**, and reply comments by **March 2, 1992**, with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to John S. Morabito, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public service records

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We will treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information, contact John S. Morabito or Gary Phillips, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 632-4047.

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