

Resolution 48
Report to the Indiana General Assembly by the
Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
June 30, 2003

Purpose:

To report on the status of SBC Indiana's application to provide intrastate, interLATA (long distance) telecommunications services in Indiana as requested by SCR 48.

Current Status:

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) is scheduled to vote by mid-July on an order that addresses SBC Indiana's fulfillment of the requirements to enter the local long distance market.

Timeline of Actions:

- January 17, 2003: SBC requested the IURC to order the independent auditor (BearingPoint) to issue a report and to establish a schedule for review of the final issues.
- February 7, 2003: IURC granted the motion of SBC and set a schedule for review.
- April 2, 2003: BearingPoint presented their preliminary findings and status to IURC.
- April 3, 2003: SBC's corporate auditor Ernst & Young presented their findings to IURC.
- April 16, 2003: SBC withdrew its Michigan application for long distance approval to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) after concerns were expressed. SBC began work to resolve the issues with its billing processes and strengthen its application to pass the FCC's evaluation.
- May 12, 2003: BearingPoint submitted a final report on the operating support systems test and an update on the performance measures audit.
- May 13, 2003: Illinois Commerce Commission voted to support SBC Illinois' application to the FCC to offer long distance.
- June 6, 2003: Final proposed orders received from SBC Indiana and other parties participating in the Indiana proceeding.
- June 19, 2003: SBC Michigan refiled its application for long distance entry with the FCC.
- June 26, 2003: The Public Utility Commission in Ohio voted to support SBC Ohio's long distance bid with the FCC.

Issues Under Review:

- While substantial progress is noted, SBC has still not passed the performance measures audit that provides the necessary proof of parity between service to competitive local exchange companies and service to itself. The audit was developed as part of the master test plan, developed in a collaborative workshop, and agreed to by all parties (including SBC).
- The billing issues, which led to the withdrawal of the SBC Michigan application to the FCC, are common to all old Ameritech states in the SBC region (including Indiana). The IURC staff is currently examining SBC Michigan's refiled application and the state commission orders approving SBC Illinois and SBC Ohio's long distance applications.
- Compliance and improvement plans covering operational and systems deficiencies are being explored as a means of strengthening SBC's case for concurrence by the IURC. In addition, the implementation of an adequate remedy plan is required.