

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION**

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY)	
COMMISSION,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	CAUSE NO.: 2:03-CV-237-PRC
)	
U.S. BELL CORPORATION, LINK)	
TECHNOLOGIES, CORP., d/b/a U.S. BELL,)	
and BUZZ TELECOM, CORP.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Motion to Compel Defendants’ Responses to Interrogatories and Production of Documents [DE 29], filed by the Plaintiff Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”) on February 25, 2004. The Plaintiff has also filed a Memorandum in Support. The Defendant has not filed a Response to the Motion.

On December 16, 2003, the EEOC served upon the Defendants its First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents. On January 20, 2004, the EEOC received a letter from Defendants’ counsel, dated January 14, 2004, requesting an extension of time to respond to the discovery requests to and including February 28, 2004. On January 20, 2004, counsel for the EEOC sent a letter to Defendants’ counsel objecting to the length of the requested extension of time. On January 26, 2004, during a telephone call initiated by the EEOC’s counsel, Defendants’ counsel agreed to submit the discovery responses by February 9, 2004. On February 18, 2004, counsel for the EEOC sent a letter requesting the discovery responses, not having received the responses by that date. As of the date of the filing of the motion, the Defendants had not responded to the

interrogatories or request for production of documents. The EEOC requests that the Court compel the Defendants to respond to the propounded discovery within ten days.

Having reviewed the Motion and noting that the Defendant has not filed a response, the Court now **GRANTS** the Plaintiff Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Motion to Compel Defendants' Responses to Interrogatories and Production of Documents [DE 29]. The Court **ORDERS** the Defendants to provide complete responses to the First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents on or before **March 31, 2004**. The Defendants are **ADVISED** that a failure to abide by the discovery rules in the future may result in sanctions or attorney fees being assessed against the offending party.

SO ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2004.

s/ Paul R. Cherry
MAGISTRATE JUDGE PAUL R. CHERRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

cc: All counsel of record