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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
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RE: Docket No. 941231-TL
Groveland Exchange EAS

Dear Mrs. Bayó:

Enclosed please find an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s Prehearing Statement, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely yours,
J. Phillip Carver (fw)
J. Phillip Carver

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOCKET NO. 941281-TL**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by U.S. Mail this 18th day of March, 1996 to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition by subscribers)
of the Groveland exchange for)
extended area service (EAS) to)
the Orlando, Winter Garden, and)
Windermere exchanges.)
_____)

Docket No. 941281-TL

Filed: March 18, 1996

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
PREHEARING STATEMENT**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., in compliance with Order No. PSC-95-1158-PCO-TL, issued September 19, 1995, hereby submits its Prehearing Statement:

A. Witnesses

BellSouth intends to call the following witness to offer testimony on the issues indicated below:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Issues Addressed</u>
Joseph A. Stanley, Jr.	All issues.

BellSouth reserves the right to call rebuttal witnesses, witnesses to respond to Commission inquiries not addressed through direct testimony and witnesses to address issues not presently designated, which may be designated at the prehearing conference to be held on April 4, 1996, or thereafter by the Prehearing Officer.

B. EXHIBITS

BellSouth has no exhibits at this time. BellSouth, however reserves the right to file exhibits to any additional testimony that may be filed under the circumstances identified in Section "A" above. BellSouth also reserves the right to introduce exhibits for cross examination, impeachment, or any other purpose authorized by the Florida Rules of Evidence and the Rules of this Commission.

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C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

The only route at issue in this docket that involves a BellSouth exchange is Groveland to Orlando; Orlando is a BellSouth exchange. Because this is an interLATA route, BellSouth has no traffic data. Without this data, BellSouth cannot take a position as to whether a sufficient community of interest exists to justify non-optional flat rate extended area service. BellSouth believes that if the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") determines that an alternative toll plan is appropriate, then the modified ECS (MECS) plan discussed in the Staff Workshop held on January 23, 1996 is the best alternative.

D. BELLSOUTH'S POSITION ON THE ISSUE

Issue 1: Is there a sufficient community of interest from the Groveland exchange to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and Windermere exchanges to justify surveying for nonoptional extended area service as currently defined in the Commission rules, or implementing an alternative interLATA toll plan?

Position: BellSouth has no position as to whether non-optional, flat rate EAS is appropriate. In the absence of traffic data, BellSouth can reach no conclusion as to whether a community of interest exists. If the Commission orders an alternative plan, BellSouth believes that the MECS Plan would be the most appropriate alternative.

Issue 2: What other community of interest factors should be considered in determining if either an optional or nonoptional toll alternative should be implemented on these routes?

Position: BellSouth has no position.

Issue 3: If a sufficient community of interest is found on any of these routes, what is the economic impact of each plan on the customer and the company (summarize in chart form and discuss in detail)?

- a) EAS with 25/25 plan and regrouping;
- b) InterLATA toll alternative plan; and
- c) Other (specify)

Position: Each plan would have some economic impact on BellSouth because the company would have to incur costs to provide facilities to implement any plan. BellSouth does not, however, have the data necessary to quantify these costs.

Issue 4: Should subscribers be required to pay an additive as a prerequisite to surveying for extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan? If so, how much of a payment is required and how long should it last?

Position: BellSouth has no position.

Issue 5: If a sufficient community of interest is found, what are the appropriate rates and charges for the plan to be implemented on these routes?

Position: BellSouth has no position.

Issue 6: If extended area service or alternative interLATA toll plan is determined to be appropriate, should the customers be surveyed?

Position: Yes. Customers should be surveyed regarding any proposed plan.

E. STIPULATIONS

BellSouth is not aware of any stipulations between the parties in this proceeding.

F. PENDING MOTIONS FILED BY BellSouth

There are no currently pending motions filed by BellSouth.

G. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

BellSouth knows of no requirement set forth in the Prehearing Order with which it cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March, 1996.

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