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Ms. Blanco Bayo
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Re: Petition of Frontier Communications of the South, Inc.
for a limited scope proceeding to change its existing
rate relationship
Docket No. 9605776-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen (15) copies of
a Motion to Join BellSouth Communications as a Party on behalf of
Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. in the above docket.
Copies have been provided to parties of record.

Sincerely,



David B. Erwin

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Frontier)
Communications of the South,)
Inc. for a limited scope)
proceeding to change its)
existing rate relationship)
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Docket No. 960776-TL

Filed: October 24, 1996

MOTION TO JOIN BELLSOUTH
COMMUNICATIONS AS A PARTY

Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. (Frontier) through its attorney moves the Commission to give BellSouth Communications (BellSouth) the opportunity to be joined as a party in Docket No. 960776-TL, and in support states as follows:

1. Rule 25-22.026, F.A.C., states that if the determination of the substantial interests of persons who are parties will necessarily involve the substantial interests of persons who are not parties, then the Commission may order that the absent person be notified and "given an opportunity to be joined as a party of record." The rule is curiously worded, but it would appear that the Commission can join a party in appropriate situations.

2. The petition filed by Frontier in this docket could result in relieving BellSouth of the requirement to subsidize the revenues of Frontier. It goes without saying that the Commission could decide not to relieve BellSouth of its subsidy obligation. Either way, the substantial interests of BellSouth are affected. Frontier currently receives an annual subsidy of \$128,000, and Frontier submits that is a sufficient amount to affect any company's substantial interest.

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Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket No. 960776-TL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Motion to Join BellSouth Communications as a party by Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. has been furnished by U.S. Mail or by hand delivery this 27th day of October, 1996 to the following:

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