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Re: Petition for Numbering Plan Area Relief for 904 Area Code by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Docket No. 961153-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed are the original and 15 copies of Response to The City of Jacksonville Request for Oral Argument on Petition for Leave for Limited Intervention on behalf of St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunications, Florala Telecommunications and Quincy Telephone Company. Copies have been provided to parties of record.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for Numbering Plan Area Relief for 904 Area Code, by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Docket No. 961153-TL Filed: March 11, 1997

RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT ON PETITION FOR LEAVE FOR LIMITED INTERVENTION

- 1. On February 25, 1997, the City of Jacksonville (City) filed a Request for Oral Argument on the Motion for Leave to participate in Alltel's and Northeast's Motion for Reconsideration. The Motion has never been granted, and it should be denied for the reasons set forth in the Response filed by St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunications, Florala Telecommunications and Quincy Telephone Company on March 4, 1997.
- The current Motion for Oral Argument and Petition for Limited Intervention should also be denied for the same reasons argued before in the March 4, 1997, Response, which is incorporated hereby reference.
- parte communications. Although those particular ex parte communications are not part of the reopened hearing, imagine the procedural mischief that could be perpetrated if they were: a non-party could fail in its intervention efforts, file ex parte comments, get the matter reopened to hear the ex parte comments and then claim rights to intervene in the reopened hearing. This would be a procedural instance of "pulling oneself up by one's own bootstraps." The best way to keep any reference to the

City's ex parte communications from getting into evidence in this case is to continue denying intervention to the City.

2. The parties who are already in this docket are quite capable of dealing with the only ex parte letters that are being considered in this docket, and the City should have no opportunity to address extraneous matters. The City should not be allowed to participate in the hearing on April 16, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 961153-TL

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