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Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: Docket No. 970000-TL (Tariff filing by GTE)

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene, 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 on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

*Nancy B. White (kr)*

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record  
A. M. Lombardo  
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed tariff filing )  
by GTE Florida Incorporated to )  
transfer a portion of the )  
Sarasota exchange into the )  
Bradenton exchange. )  
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Docket No.: 970990-TL

Filed: December 2, 1997

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S  
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth" or "Company"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests leave to intervene in these proceedings, and as grounds therefor states:

1. BellSouth is a telephone company lawfully doing business in the State of Florida whose regulated operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.

2. BellSouth's principal place of business in Florida is 150 W. Flagler Street, Suite 1910, Miami, Florida 33130. Pleadings and process in this matter may be served upon:

Robert G. Beatty  
Nancy B. White  
c/o Nancy H. Sims  
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3. Any decision made by the Commission in the context of this proceeding will necessarily affect the substantial interests of BellSouth and its business operations in the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of December, 1997.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
**Docket No. 970990-TL**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via  
U.S. Mail this 2nd day of December, 1997 to the following:

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