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RE: Comments of ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. in the "Undocketed Matter – Collaborative Effort to Address Competitive Issues"

Dear Ms. Bayó:

I enclose herewith ITC^DeltaCom's Comments in the Undocketed Matter – Collaborative Effort to Address Competitive Issues.

As usual, if you would acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the duplicate copy of this cover letter and mailing it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope, it would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (256) 382-3856. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a ITC^DELTACOM

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Director of Regulatory Advocacy and Senior Attorney

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Undocketed Matter - Collaborative Effort to Address)	
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COMMENTS OF ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ITC^DELTACOM

On June 28, 2001, E. Leon Jacobs, Chairman, issued a Memorandum to "All Parties and Interested Persons". This Memorandum proposed to implement an undocketed collaborative/informal mediation process whereby parties and interested persons would meet on a regular basis to discuss issues pertaining to interconnection and other matters associated with BellSouth's 271 application and competition in the State of Florida ("Collaborative Effort"). Comments from interested parties were requested by July 12, 2001.

ITC^DeltaCom would like to participate in the Collaborative Effort. Our concern with the proposal, however, is that participating ITC^DeltaCom staff members be allowed to attend workgroup meetings and status conferences via conference call in lieu of personal appearance. ITC^DeltaCom requests this allowance as it would be cost-prohibitive to travel from Anniston, Arab, and Huntsville, Alabama to Tallahassee, Florida two to three times per month if required to attend these meetings/conferences in person. Even a flight once a month is cost-prohibitive given that the workshop will likely cover a multitude of issues which would necessitate employees in different departments would need to participate.

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For this reason, ITC^DeltaCom respectfully requests the Commission to allow ITC^DeltaCom to participate in the Collaborative Effort by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

ITC^DELTACOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ITC^DELTACOM

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