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Re: <u>960786-TL (Section 271)</u>

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s, Motion to Strike Portions of Select Intervenors' Direct Testimony, 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 by Federal Express as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely, James Meza III (14)

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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION TO STRIKE PORTIONS OF SELECT INTERVENORS' DIRECT TESTIMONY

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully submits this Motion to Strike Portions of Select Intervenors' Direct Testimony ("Motion to Strike"). The Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") should strike the portions of Intervenors' testimony identified below because said testimony relates to BellSouth's Operational Support System ("OSS"). The Commission has previously determined that OSS issues are not appropriate for the hearing process because such information is being addressed via third-party OSS testing. In support of this Motion to Strike, BellSouth states the following:

1. On April 24, 2001, an Issues Identification Conference was conducted between the Prehearing Officer and all the parties to discuss the issues that needed to be identified for resolution in this proceeding. After considering the arguments presented at the conference, on April 25, 2001, the Prehearing Officer issued Order No. PSC-01-1025-PCO-TL (the "Order"), which set forth the issues to be addressed in this proceeding.

2. In the Order, the Prehearing Officer determined that issues relating to BellSouth's OSS were not appropriate because they were "already being addressed in the third-party OSS testing" PSC-01-1025-PCO-TL at 4. In reaching this conclusion, the Prehearing Officer focused on previous Orders in this proceeding – Order No. PSC-99-1568-PAA-TP and Order

No. PSC-00-0104-PAA-TP – wherein the Commission found that (1) third-party testing will provide "better, more accurate information about the status of BellSouth's systems than might be obtained through further administrative proceedings on this issue[;]" and (2) third-party testing was being "conducted in lieu of addressing our concerns through the hearing process." Order No. PSC-99-1568-PAA at 10; Order No. PSC-0101025-PCP-TL at 5 (citing Order No. 00-0104-PAA-TP at 5). As succinctly stated by the Commission, "if BellSouth's OSS systems pass the third-party testing in Florida, then BellSouth shall be considered to have remedied the OSS concerns that we identified in Order No. PSC-97-1459-FOF-TL." Order No. PSC-99-1568-PAA-TP at 9-10.

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4. As stated above, in Order No. PSC-01-1025-PCO-TL, the Commission determined that issues addressing BellSouth's OSS were inappropriate for hearing. Thus, the referenced direct testimony should be stricken because it relates or pertains to issues that the Commission has determined will be addressed via third party process and not through the hearing process.

¹ BellSouth will provide a page/line summary of the improper testimony to be stricken by Tuesday, August 21, 2001.

5. To allow the referenced testimony to remain in the record would violate the Commission's Order and would defeat the stated goal of the Commission for the third-party test to be the sole determining factor as to whether BellSouth has addressed the Commission's OSS concerns.²

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Strike.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of August 2001.

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