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February 26, 2002

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 010963-TP Investigation into Telecommunications Rate Center Consolidation in the State of Florida

Dear Ms. Bayó:

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 caption docket.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return a copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached certificate of service.

Sincerely,

James Meza III (LA)

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record Marshall M. Criser III R. Douglas Lackey Nancy B. White

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 010963-TP

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was

served via U.S. Mail this 26th day of February, 2002 to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into Telecommunications)	Docket No. 010963-TP
Rate Center Consolidation in the State of)	
Florida)	
)	Filed: February 26, 2002

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:

- 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.
- 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:

Nancy B. White James Meza III c/o Nancy H. Sims 150 So. Monroe Street, Suite 400 Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (305) 347-5558 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 26th day of February, 2002.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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