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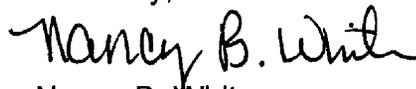
**Re: Docket No.: 030103-TP
Complaint of MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC
and MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc. Against BellSouth
for Overcharging for High-Capacity Circuits**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time, which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

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 shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,


Nancy B. White (CA)

cc: All Parties of Record
Marshall M. Criser III
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Docket No. 030103-TP

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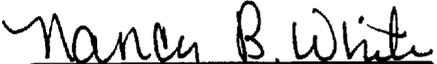
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re:)	
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Complaint of MCImetro Access Transmission)	
Services LLC and MCI WORLDCOM)	Docket No. 030103-TP
Communications, Inc. Against)	
BellSouth for Overcharging for)	Filed: February 7, 2003
High-Capacity Circuits)	
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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), pursuant to Rule 28-106.204(5), Florida Administrative Code, requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant it an extension of time in which to file its Answer and any counterclaims. In support of this motion, BellSouth states the following:

1. On or about January 29, 2003, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC and MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc. (collectively, "MCI") filed its Complaint against BellSouth.
2. BellSouth seeks to assert certain counterclaims or claims in setoff against MCI; however, MCI is an affiliate company of WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom"). On July 21, 2002 WorldCom and certain of its affiliates filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the United State Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101-1330 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court").
3. In order to assert its counterclaim(s) or claims in setoff against MCI in this docket, BellSouth must first obtain a ruling from the Bankruptcy Court.

BellSouth intends to file a motion to lift the bankruptcy stay with respect to certain counterclaims or claims in setoff on or before February 14, 2003.

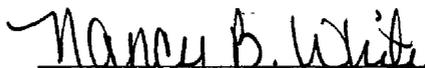
4. BellSouth has consulted with MCI's counsel, and MCI has consented to this motion. MCI has no objection to BellSouth having an extension of time to file its response and answer to the complaint in this docket two weeks after the bankruptcy court issues a ruling on BellSouth's motion to lift the bankruptcy stay.

5. There would be no prejudice to the parties by delaying the time for BellSouth to file its answer and response in this case until two weeks after the bankruptcy court issues a ruling to lift the bankruptcy stay. However, if BellSouth is not permitted an extension to file its answer and response, it would not be permitted to assert any counterclaims or claims in setoff because of the bankruptcy stay, which would prejudice BellSouth.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant it an extension of time until two weeks after the Bankruptcy Court issues a ruling on BellSouth's motion to lift the bankruptcy stay in which to file its answer and response to MCI's Complaint.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February, 2003.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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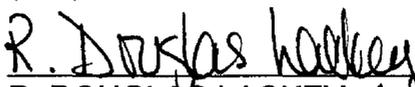
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