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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
Division of the Commission Clerk
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Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 020129-TP; Joint Petition of US LEC of Florida, Inc., Time Warner Telecom of Florida, LP and ITC^DeltaCom, Communications objecting to and requesting suspension of proposed CCS7 Access Arrangement Tariff filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Pursuant to the Order Granting Joint Motion for Continuance (Order No. PSC-03-0386-PCO-TP) this letter serves as the parties' joint Status Report on Settlement Negotiations and is filed on behalf of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), Time Warner Telecom of Florida, L.P., MCI WorldCom, Inc., and US LEC of Florida, Inc.

BellSouth has reached an agreement in principle with Time Warner Telecom and with WorldCom. The parties respectfully request additional time from the Commission to reduce the agreement to writing and to facilitate execution. BellSouth will inform the Commission when the final settlement agreement is executed.

BellSouth has made a settlement offer to US LEC of Florida, Inc. ("US LEC"). US LEC provided a counteroffer to BellSouth on Friday, April 11, 2003, which BellSouth is in the process of reviewing. BellSouth and US LEC respectfully request additional time to complete their ongoing settlement negotiations.

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,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail this 15th day of April, 2003 to the following:

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