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August 29, 2003

Mrs. Blanca Bayó  
Division of the Commission Clerk and  
Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 323099-0850

Re: Docket No. 000733-TL Investigation to determine whether BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s tariff filing to restructure its late payment charge is in violation of Section 364.051, F.S.

Dear Mrs. Bayó:

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's refund procedures; BellSouth is to provide periodic reports on the progress of the refunds of the late payment interest fee. Our previous report was provided on June 2, 2003.

The refund amount was calculated to be \$84,437,070.67 plus \$4,842,345.51 in interest to equal a total of \$89,279,416.18. The refund amount reflects the late payment interest fee on regulated BellSouth services that was paid by retail end users and paid by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) that resell BellSouth's regulated services.

As of August 26, 2003, BellSouth reports the following accounting of the refund:

\$84,437,070.67	Late Pay Interest Fee Refund
<u>4,842,345.51</u>	Interest
<b>\$89,279,416.18</b>	<b>Total</b>
(2,063,096.13)	Drafts still outstanding
<u>(2,876,437.98)</u>	Returned unpaid drafts and less than \$1 no refund amounts
<b>\$84,339,882.07</b>	<b>Total paid as of 8/26/03</b>

Another report will be made at the end of December, 2003. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Yours truly,

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