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Mrs. Blanca Bayó
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Re: Status Report on Late Pay Refund (Docket No. 000733)

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 August 29, 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 January 7, 2004, BellSouth reports the following accounting of the refund:

\$84,437,070.67	Late Pay Interest Fee Refund
4,842,345.51	Interest
\$89,279,416.18	Total
(1,852,638.47)	Drafts still outstanding
(2,886,712.90)	Returned unpaid drafts and less than \$1 no refund amounts
\$84,540,064.81	Total paid as of 1/07/04

BellSouth plans at the appropriate time to escheat to the state any unclaimed refund dollars in accordance with the laws of the state.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Yours truly,

Nancy H. Sims
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