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September 13, 2004  
Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Blanco Bayo  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Docket No. 031125-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On August 27, 2004, the Commission entered Order No. PSC-04-0835-PCO-TP, Order On Joint Motion for Continuance. This Order granted the parties' request for a continuance of the previously scheduled hearing and held the proceeding in abeyance for 30 days from the date of the order to allow the parties to mediate their dispute. The Order also stated that if a negotiated settlement was not filed within 30 days from August 19<sup>th</sup>, the abeyance would terminate.

Despite diligent efforts to meet to mediate the dispute, the mediation has been rescheduled twice due first to Hurricane Frances and then to Hurricane Ivan. The parties are currently scheduled to meet in Tallahassee to mediate on September 29-30, the first time available for the parties and the Commission mediator. Therefore, BellSouth and IDS request that the abeyance currently in place be continued through October 1<sup>st</sup>. After the conclusion of the mediation, the parties will advise the Commission of the status of the case.

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Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Jim Meza of BellSouth or me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Vicki Gordon Kaufman*  
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