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October 4, 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 19th, the abeyance would terminate.

Despite diligent efforts to meet to mediate the dispute, the mediation was rescheduled twice due first to Hurricane Frances and then to Hurricane Ivan. The mediation was ultimately conducted, with Rick Melson acting as the mediator, on September 29-30 at the Commission. The parties are pleased to report that, though more work remains to be done, they have made substantial progress toward resolving their differences. The parties have committed to work toward the execution of a final settlement agreement by November 10, 2004.

Therefore, IDS and BellSouth request that the abeyance remain in place until November
CMP 12, 2004 so that the parties can focus their efforts on successfully concluding this matter via
COM 3 settlement. Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Jim Meza of BellSouth or me if you
CTR _____
have any questions.

ECR _____ Sincerely,
GCL Vicki Gordon Kaufman
OPC _____
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MMS _____ Cc: Prehearing Officer J. Terry Deason
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