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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Re: Docket Nos. 050119-TP and 050125-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets on behalf of the Small LECs and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is a Joint Status Report of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and the Small Local Exchange Companies.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Hoffman

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Joint Petition of Quincy Telephone )  
Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, ALLTEL ) Docket Nos. 050119-TP and 050125-TP  
Florida, Inc., Northeast Florida Telephone )  
Company d/b/a NEFCOM, GTC, Inc. d/b/a )  
GT Com, Smart City Telecommunications, )  
LLC d/b/a Smart City Telecom, ITS Tele- )  
communications Systems, Inc. and Frontier )  
Communications of the South, LLC, )  
("Joint Petitioners") objecting to and )  
requesting suspension of Proposed Transit )  
Traffic Service Tariff filed by BellSouth )  
Telecommunications, Inc. ) Filed: May 1, 2006  
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**JOINT STATUS REPORT OF  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
AND THE SMALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Northeast Florida Telephone Company, d/b/a NEFCOM, GTC, Inc. d/b/a GT Com, Smart City Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a Smart City Telecom and Frontier Communications of the South, LLC (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Small LECs"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the direction of the Commission, hereby file this Joint Status Report concerning the negotiations that have taken place between BellSouth and the Small LECs regarding the potential settlement of the above-referenced dockets. BellSouth and the Small LECs hereby provide the following Status Report:

1. Following the conclusion of the final hearing, representatives of BellSouth and the Small LECs have met in person and pursuant to conference call on numerous occasions to discuss rates, terms and conditions of a potential Transit Traffic Agreement that would provide for a full and complete resolution and settlement of the matters at issue in the above-referenced dockets.

2. As of this date, BellSouth and the Small LECs have not reached an agreement and intend to file Posthearing Briefs addressing the issues in these dockets.

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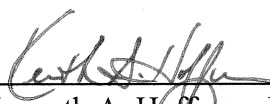
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