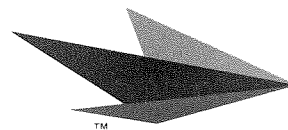


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RE: Docket No. 060677-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed please find Embarq Florida, Inc.'s Request for Abeyance.

Copies are being served on the parties in this docket pursuant to the attached certificate of service.

If you have any questions regarding this electronic filing, please do not hesitate to call me at 850/599-1560.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Petition to Implement Automatic Enrollment for Lifeline Automatic Service	Docket No. 060677-TL Filed: December 12, 2006
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**EMBARQ FLORIDA, INC.'S REQUEST FOR ABEYANCE**

In support of BellSouth's Motion for Abeyance filed on November 28, 2006, Embarq Florida, Inc. ("Embarq") also requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") hold this docket in abeyance, for at least six months, pending results of the Commission's On-Line Automated Lifeline and Link-Up Application Process and the rule development workshop currently scheduled for February 6, 2007 to address Lifeline issues. In support thereof, Embarq concurs in the statements in support of BellSouth's Petition and, additionally, states as follows:

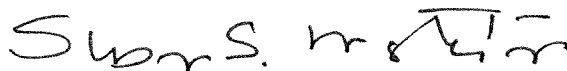
1. Embarq is an incumbent local exchange company certificated by the Commission to provide local exchange services in Florida under chapter 364, F.S.
2. On October 13, 2006 the Commission launched its automated enrollment process, as described by BellSouth. Embarq is participating in the automated enrollment process.
3. In addition to the recently implemented automated enrollment process, the Commission has scheduled a rule development workshop on February 6, 2007 to comprehensively examine, further clarify and provide specificity to some of the Lifeline issues that are not yet addressed in the rules. Among other things, the Commissioners have expressed their intent to discuss the \$3.50 currently

funded by the ETCs in Florida at the workshop.<sup>1</sup> Embarq intends to fully participate in this proceeding.

4. Embarq agrees with BellSouth that the Commission should review the results of this recently implemented automated enrollment process, as well as the results of February 6, 2007 workshop, before investing additional time and resources in litigating the OPC/AARP Petition.

WHEREFORE, Embarq requests that the Commission hold this docket in abeyance for at least six months, for the reasons set forth in BellSouth's Motion and as further set forth above.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006.



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<sup>1</sup> See, Transcript, October 3, 2006 Agenda Conference, Item No. 3, Docket No. 060607-TP, pages 12-17