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September 2, 1993

Mr. John L. Clendenin
Chairman of the Board, President
and Chief Executive Officer
BellSouth Corporation
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Dear Mr. Clendenin:

I request your assistance in facilitating NARUC's Regional Audit of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and its affiliates. It has been brought to my attention that there have been delays in getting timely responses from BellSouth Enterprises and other affiliates. According to Mr. Doug Lackey, who has been working with our staff to facilitate timely responses, BellSouth Enterprises does not have the manpower to make timely responses. While I appreciate the volume of information requested is large, the scope and importance of this audit requires all relevant data be provided.

I am confident Mr. Lackey is doing all he can to ensure timely responses, but he represents that he cannot direct BellSouth Enterprises and other affiliates to devote the manpower necessary to ensure timely and complete responses. I believe you can, hence my request.

Timely and complete responses are particularly crucial in Florida as it is the Commission's intention to review affiliate relationships in the pending rate review case. Absent adequate information to determine the prudence of expenses incurred in affiliate relationships, the recoverability of those expenses is questionable under Florida law. For that reason I believe it is in the best interests of BellSouth Telecommunications, as well as its affiliates, that pertinent information be timely and completely provided.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. With your assistance I am sure the audit request response times from affiliates will be greatly improved.

Sincerely,



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cc: Policy Management Group