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Re: Docket No. 950984-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing in connection with the above-referenced docket the original and 15 copies of the **Opposition of Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration and Opposition of Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument**. Also enclosed is a double-sided high-density disk using the Windows 3.11 operating system and WordPerfect 5.1 software which contains a copy of the enclosed document.

Also enclosed are additional copies of the above pleadings. Please date stamp and return this copy in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you, in advance, for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Resolution of Petition(s) to establish)
nondiscriminatory rates, terms, and)
conditions for resale involving)
local exchange companies and)
alternative local exchange companies)
pursuant to Section 364.161, Florida)
Statutes)

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**OPPOSITION OF
METROPOLITAN FIBER SYSTEMS OF FLORIDA, INC.
TO BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC.'S
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Pursuant to Rules 25-22.058 and -22.060, Florida Administrative Code, Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. ("MFS"), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this Opposition to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") Request for Oral Argument accompanying its Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-96-0444-FOF-TP ("Order") issued on March 29, 1996.

Oral argument is granted in the sole discretion of the Commission. Rule 25-22.060(1)(f). To guide the Commission's exercise of its discretion, BellSouth can assert only that its Motion for Reconsider takes up issues "extremely important to the Company" and that the Order failed to address many of BellSouth's concerns. The Commission's prior evidentiary hearing in the proceeding attests to the importance of the issues. That BellSouth's presentation failed to persuade the Commission in the first instance is no basis upon which to permit BellSouth a second opportunity in which to rehash the same evidence. BellSouth's Motion is unable to make a threshold showing that the Commission either ignored, misinterpreted or misapplied the law applicable to the evidence in this proceeding, or overlooked and failed to consider the significance

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of significant docket evidence. *Diamond Cab Co. v. King*, 146 So.2d 889 (Fla. 1962).

Accordingly, MFS respectfully submits that BellSouth's Request for Oral Argument be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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I, James C. Falvey, hereby certify that on this 23rd day of April, 1996 a copy of the foregoing **Opposition of Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc., to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument**, Docket No. 950984-TP, was served, via First Class Mail, postage prepaid, to each of the following parties:

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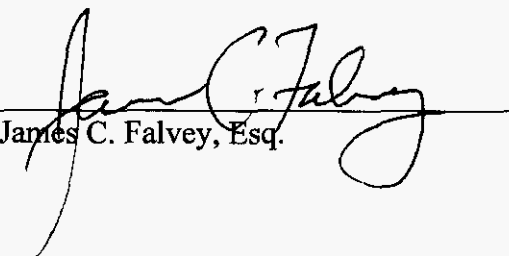
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