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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (WIGGINS) *W*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (PIERSON) *RP ANT*

RE: DOCKET NO. 960616.~~RCM~~^{II} - EMERGENCY PETITION FOR AUTHORITY
TO WAIVE TARIFFED CHARGES FOR CERTAIN REGULATED SERVICES
BY BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

AGENDA: 05/21/96 - REGULAR AGENDA

CRITICAL DATES: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\960616.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

As a result of the recent crash of ValuJet Airlines Flight 592, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. seeks to render some relief to the efforts of the ongoing investigation in the Florida Everglades. In order to render much needed relief, BellSouth believes there may be a need to provide service in a manner not consistent with normal Commission filing and review processes for tariffs and rules.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission grant BellSouth's petition to waive charges for local calls made from its mobile coin stations for an initial period of 30 days, in the Miami Exchange, Canal Central Office (228, 229 NXXs)?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, BellSouth should be granted the authority to waive the charges for local calls made from its mobile coin telephones for a period of 30 days, in the Miami Exchange, Canal Central Office (228, 229 NXXs).

STAFF ANALYSIS: On May 15, 1996 BellSouth filed an emergency petition for Authority to Waive Regulated Charges (Attachment A). BellSouth is specifically requesting that local calls from its mobile coin telephones in the Miami Exchange, Canal Central Office (228, 229 NXXs) be free of charge for an initial period of 30 days, subject to Commission review and possible extension. This is designed to render temporary relief to the efforts of the ongoing investigation of the crash site in the Florida Everglades. This petition is similar to one of the relief waivers BellSouth was granted for the victims of Hurricane Opal in October of 1995.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. This docket should remain open.

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves the recommendation in Issue 1, this Docket should remain open to monitor the existing waiver request and to consider any request for extension.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Emergency Petition for Authority to Waive Regulated charges) Docket No.: _____
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) Filed: May 15, 1996

**EMERGENCY PETITION FOR
AUTHORITY TO WAIVE REGULATED CHARGES**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth" or "Company"), pursuant to the provisions of Rule 25-22.036(4)(a), Florida Administrative Code, hereby files this Emergency Petition to request the entry of an order authorizing BellSouth to waive tariffed charges for certain regulated services. In support thereof, BellSouth states the following:

1. BellSouth is a telephone company lawfully doing business in the State of Florida whose regulated operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.

2. BellSouth's principal place of business in Florida is 150 W. Flagler Street, Suite 1910, Miami, Florida 33130.

Pleadings and process in this matter may be served upon:

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3. BellSouth is subject to the regulation of the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission"). The substantial interests of BellSouth will be affected by the Commission's

determination as to the matters set forth in this petition.

4. As a result the recent Crash of ValuJet Airlines Flight 592, efforts continue to search the Crash site in the Florida Everglades as part of the ongoing investigation of the accident. There are a number of persons taking part in this search who require access to telecommunications. Moreover, BellSouth has been informed that, in some instances, family members of the accident victims are at the site as well, and that they need access to telecommunications services also. For these reasons, BellSouth has been requested to provide coin telephone services at the accident site.

5. BellSouth seeks to render this assistance by locating at the accident site a four station pay telephone trailer, to make these coin telephones available for use at the site, and for the local usage to be free of charge. BellSouth proposes to initially make two of the four stations available, and to make the other two available if it is subsequently determined that they are needed. Accordingly, BellSouth requests a waiver of the charges for the local use of these coin telephone stations that would otherwise apply.

6. Although the relief requested in this petition should be necessary only for a moderately short period of time, the precise duration of the need for this relief is currently unknown. Therefore, BellSouth submits that the Commission should

approve the request described above for an initial period of thirty (30) days, subject to Commission review and possible extension.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth requests on an expedited basis the entry of an order authorizing the waiver of the local charges for coin phone use as described above for the initial period of at least thirty (30) days.

Respectfully submitted,

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