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**Re: Docket No: 961153-TL
904 Area Issues/BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are an original and 15 copies of the Department of Management Services' Prehearing Statement, along with out attached certificate of service

Sincerely,


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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for numbering plan)
area relief for 904 area code by)
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
_____)

Docket No. 961153-TL

Filed: November 22, 1996

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES'
PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, the Department of Management Services files this Prehearing Statement in the above referenced proceeding. The information requested in FPSC Order No. PSC-96-1324-PCO-TL, establishing procedure is set forth below:

(a) Witnesses - The Department of Management Services will present one witness. Glenn W. Mayne, Director of the Division of Communications (the Division), will address the potential impact on the State of Florida if the 904 area code is removed from the Tallahassee Market Area as a result of area code relief.

(b) Exhibits - The Department of Management Services will sponsor the following exhibits to support the testimony of Glenn W. Mayne:

Exhibit GWM-1 Letter, dated October 17, 1996, to Glenn Mayne from Virginia Bryant, Administrator, Research, Education & Policy Section, State of Florida Division of Retirement

Exhibit GWM-2 Letter, dated October 23, 1996, to Glenn Mayne from Hal Lench, Director, Division of Administrative Services, Florida Department of State

Exhibit GWM-3 Memorandum, dated October 24, 1996, to Glenn Mayne from Tom Clemons, Division of Administration, Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Exhibit GWM-4 Letter, dated October 29, 1996, to Glenn Mayne from Julie Robertson, Manager, Voice Network Operations, State of Alabama Telecommunications Division under the Department of Finance

(c) Basic Position - The Division of Communications has the statutory responsibility to oversee telecommunications needs for state agencies. A change in the 904 area code for the Tallahassee Market Area will fiscally impact state agencies and affect their ability to provide quality service by confusing not only Florida's citizens who have a high community of interest with the State's

capital, but also the general public outside Florida who are likely to retain outdated Florida information and be unfamiliar with Florida's area code changes. The Division bases its position on state agency concerns, as well as the Division's experience with dialing plan changes for the SUNCOM Network.

Issue 1: What geographic split plan for 904 area code relief should be ordered by the Commission?

The Department of Management Services supports Option 1A, Option 2, or any split plan that would keep the 904 area code in the Tallahassee Market Area and therefore not disrupt the public's calling into the State's capital

Issue 2: How and when should the area code relief be implemented?

The Department of Management Services supports the implementation timetable for area code relief as set forth in BellSouth's petition with permissive dialing beginning on February 24, 1997, and mandatory dialing beginning on February 23, 1998.

(d) Questions of fact - Whether the citizens of Florida are best served by keeping the 904 area code in the Tallahassee Market Area?

(e) Questions of law - None.

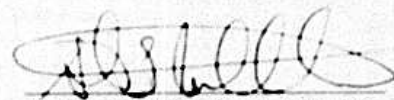
(f) Policy Questions - Whether it is in the best interest of the State to keep the 904 area code in the Tallahassee Market Area?

(g) Stipulations - None.

(h) Pending Motions - None known, other than various motions to intervene.

(i) Requirements - None.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I HERBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent by prepaid U. S. Mail to following parties of record, this 22nd day of November, 1996.

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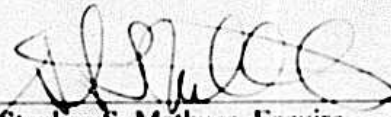
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