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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
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Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Re: Docket No. **970077-TP** - Petition of Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc. for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

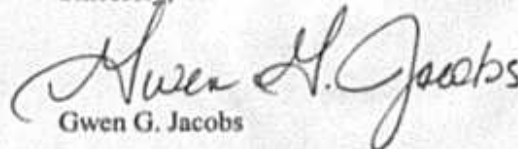
On January 15, 1997, Vanguard Cellular Systems, Inc., filed a Petition for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Concurrent with the arbitration, Vanguard and BellSouth continued its negotiations in an attempt to reach resolution on all interconnection issues. On or about February 11, 1997, the parties reached an agreement, in principal, on the unresolved issues initially submitted to the Commission for arbitration.

The parties anticipate filing the agreement forthwith for this Commission's approval pursuant to Section 252(e)(1) and 252(e)(2)(A) of the Act. Moreover, Vanguard will withdraw its petition for arbitration as soon as practically possible, thereby terminating the interconnection arbitration proceedings concerning the Interconnection Agreement.

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If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

  
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