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March 17, 1997

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó
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Re: Docket No. 970281-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene, which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. White

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Establishment of) Docket No. 970281-TL
intrastate implementation)
requirements governing federally)
mandated deregulation of local)
exchange company payphones)
_____) Filed: March 17, 1997

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth" or "Company"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests leave to intervene in these proceedings, and as grounds therefor states:

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. Any decision made by the Commission in the context of this proceeding will necessarily affect the substantial interests of BellSouth and its business operations in the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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