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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
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Re: Docket 961088-TP Petition to Initiate a Generic Proceeding
on Rates of BellSouth for Interconnection, Unbundled
Elements, Transport and Termination and Resale.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and fifteen copies
of withdrawal by Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership
of its Petition to Initiate Generic Proceeding. Parties of record
have been served as noted on the attached certificate of service.

An extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed. Please
acknowledge receipt thereon and return to the undersigned in the
enclosed, stamped and self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

Benjamin W. Fincher
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cc: Everett Boyd
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Petition to Initiate Generic)
Proceeding on Rates of BellSouth) Docket No. 961088-TP
Telecommunications, Inc. for)
Interconnection, Unbundled Elements,) Filed March 20, 1997
Transport and Termination, and Resale,)
by Sprint Communications Company)
Limited Partnership)
_____)

WITHDRAWAL BY SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
OF ITS PETITION TO INITIATE GENERIC PROCEEDING

Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership ("Sprint") hereby withdraws its Petition to Initiate Generic Proceeding on Rates of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements, Transport and Termination, and Resale. That Petition, filed on September 12, 1997, gave rise to this proceeding. The petition requested the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") to initiate a generic docket to set the rates that BellSouth may charge for interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport and termination of traffic and to apply the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") default proxy rates until such time as permanent rates are established.

Subsequent to Sprint filing its Petition and pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"), the Commission has considered and issued several arbitration decisions under the Act, including that of the arbitration proceeding involving Sprint and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") Sprint is continuing its interconnection negotiations with BellSouth and expects to ultimately resolve all issues, including, but not limited to, interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport

and termination of traffic.

In view of the developments in the arbitration proceedings before this Commission, and the continuing negotiations between Sprint and BellSouth, it appears that pursuing the generic proceeding hereinabove would serve no useful purpose.

Accordingly, Sprint hereby and herein withdraws its Petition.

Respectfully submitted on March 20, 1997.

Sprint Communications Company
Limited Partnership

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and exact copy of the within and foregoing withdrawal by Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership of its Petition to Initiate a Generic Proceeding on Rates of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. For Interconnection, Unbundled Elements, Transport and Termination, and Resale, via United States mail, first class postage paid and properly addressed to the following:

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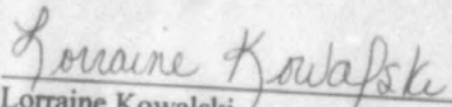
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