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Re: Docket No. 961153-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Modification of Order No. PSC-97-0138-FOF-TL. Please file these documents in the captioned docket.

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 on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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**PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF
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equipment, advise business associates, family and friends of the area code change, make changes in stationary, checks, signs, business cards, etc., and advertise the new number. A shorter permissive dialing interval is needed, however, for the following reasons.

3. The Commission has decided to allow Jacksonville to retain the 904 area code. Jacksonville is considered to be one of the prime locations for local telephone service competition in the Southeast due to size, location, and business climate. Today, there are approximately 90 central office prefix codes available for assignment in the 904 area code. Current code holders, including PCS providers, are expected to request all of these codes to meet service needs in the next twelve months. Due to the FCC's recent auctions, however, code requests by PCS providers may increase. In addition, it is uncertain how many codes will be requested by alternate local exchange companies during this same interval. If only four of them request an average of five codes each, the 904 NPA will exhaust by the first quarter of 1998. A shorter permissive dialing period and subsequent earlier mandatory dialing date for the new code at this time will decrease the potential for early exhaustion of assignable central office codes in the 904 area code.

4. The industry agrees to ensure that appropriate announcements will be made to minimize customer confusion and dialing errors that may occur as a result of the shortened permissive dialing period. Moreover, the industry will designate the fifteen codes currently used by the state government as "assign in

new 904 area only upon request". In addition, the industry will remind cellular service providers that existing code assignment guidelines allow these providers to request that the central office codes currently in use by these providers that will be changing to the 850 area code may be reserved from assignment in the 904 area code for twelve months, thereby affording additional time to change customer equipment.


WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Order be modified to provide for permissive dialing to begin on June 23, 1997 and for mandatory dialing to begin on March 23, 1998.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of April, 1997.

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