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July 7, 1998

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Subject: Docket 980827 - TL
Emergency Petition for Authority
to Waive Regulated Charges

Dear Ms. Bayo:

With this letter, BellSouth is asking the Commission to grant us emergency authority to waive tariffed charges for late payment charges for a period of sixty days for those existing BellSouth customers who have been affected by the recent fires in the central east coast area.

This waiver will be for existing BellSouth customers in the following exchanges:

Bunnell (437, 440, 586, 930)

Daytona (212, 214, 217, 226, 238, 239, 248, 250, 252, 253, 254, 255, 257, 258, 274,
290, 295, 299, 304, 316, 322, 323, 334, 401, 405, 440, 441, 451, 512, 527, 528, 590,
615, 672, 673, 676, 677, 679, 691, 756, 760, 761, 767, 788, 820, 831, 846, 869, 903,
930, 947, 979, 989)

Flagler Beach (439, 440, 503, 517, 930)

Palm Coast (440, 445, 446, 447, 930)

Pierson (440, 749, 930)

Titusville (264, 267, 268, 269, 383, 440, 930)

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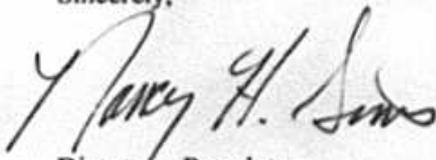
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This waiver would become effective with the next billing period for the individual existing BellSouth customer who has been displaced or severely impacted by the fires

This type of waiver was also used after Hurricane Andrew (Docket No. 920868-TP) and Hurricane Opal (Docket No.951197-TL).

Your immediate attention to this mater would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy H. Sims".

Director - Regulatory

CC: Walter D'Haeseleer