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Re. Docket No. 980696-TP (Proposed Issues)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Pursuant to the July 2, 1998 Notice issued in the above captioned docket, the following is BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Comments on the issues as recommended by Staff, as well as BellSouth's Comments on various issues proposed by other parties.

BellSouth generally supports the issues recommended by Staff with the exception of Issue 2 (Can the total forward - looking cost of providing basic local telecommunications service be determined without considering the cost to provide associated services?). This issue is inappropriate.

ACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The purpose of this docket is to carry out the statutory mandate contained in Section 364.025, Florida Statutes. Specifically, 364.025(b) requires the Florida Public Service Commission to determine the total forward - looking cost of providing basic local telecommunications service. Section 364.02(2) defines basic local telecommunications service as voice-grade, flat-rate residential and single-line business local exchange services that provide dial tone, local usage, 911, access to interexchange companies, directory assistance, operator services, relay services, directory listings, and extended calling service in some instances. Thus, the Statute is very clear as to the Commission's mandate. The recommended issue is an attempt to expand the definition of basic local telecommunications service. This should not be allowed.
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Sincerely,

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