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Re: Docket No. 980119-TP (Supra Complaint)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Opposition to Supra Telecommunications and Information Systems, Inc.'s Request for Oral Argument, which we ask that you file 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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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Sincerely,


Nancy B. White

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint of Supra Telecommunications) Docket No.: 980119-TP
and Information Systems, Inc., Against)
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
_____) Filed: August 21, 1998

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s
OPPOSITION TO SUPRA's REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.037(2), Florida Administrative Code, hereby file its Opposition to Supra Telecommunications and Information Systems, Inc.'s ("Supra") Request for Oral Argument on its Motion for Clarification and its Response to BellSouth's Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification of Order No. PSC-98-1001-FOF-TP filed on August 18, 1998. In support thereof, BellSouth states the following:

1. On July 22, 1998, the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued Order No. PSC-98-1001-FOF-TP ("Order") in the above captioned matter.
2. On August 6, 1998, BellSouth filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification of the Order. On that same day, Supra also filed a Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification. BellSouth was served with a copy of Supra's Motion on August 10, 1998.
3. On August 17, 1998, BellSouth filed a Response to Supra's Motion for Reconsideration. On August 18, 1998, Supra filed a Response to BellSouth's Motion for Reconsideration, apparently past the time allowed by the Florida Administrative Code. Although Supra did not file a Motion for Leave to File their

Response out of time, Supra acknowledged that untimeliness of its filing.

BellSouth does not object to the late filing of this pleading.

4. On August 18, 1998, Supra filed a Request for Oral Argument on its Motion for Reconsideration and its Response to BellSouth's Motion for Reconsideration. Rule 25-22.058(1), Florida Administrative Code requires a request for oral argument to be filed contemporaneously with the pleading upon which argument is requested. Supra did not file its request on August 6, 1998 the day it filed its Motion for Reconsideration. Moreover, while Supra filed its request contemporaneously with its Response to BellSouth's Motion for Reconsideration, the response itself is late. Thus, oral argument should not be granted to Supra inasmuch as their request does not meet the requirements of Rule 25-22.058, Florida Administrative Code.

5. Rule 25-22.060(1)(f), Florida Administrative Code states that oral argument shall be granted solely at the discretion of the Commission. Rule 25-22.058, Florida Administrative Code requires the request to state with particularity why oral argument would aid the Commission in comprehending and evaluating the issues before it. Supra's request merely states that the issues are "significant" and "not simple". This is insufficient under the Rule. BellSouth does not believe oral argument is necessary in this matter.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests the Commission to deny Supra's Request for Oral Argument.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August, 1998.

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