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RE: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension to File Cost Study. 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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the Cost )  
of Basic Local Telecommunications ) Docket No.: 980696-TP  
Service, pursuant to Section 364.025, )  
Florida Statutes )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) Dated: January 12, 1999

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE COST STUDY**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereby files its Motion for Extension to File Cost Study and states its grounds in support thereof the following:

1. In the Staff Recommendation filed in this docket, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission"), recommended the selection of the BCPM Cost Model, and that certain changes be made to the model, which were identified in the Recommendation. The Recommendation also stated that a cost study with these changes should be filed within 25 days of the Agenda Conference at which the Commission voted on the Staff Recommendation.

2. The Agenda Conference took place on December 18, 1998, at which time the Commission approved the Staff Recommendation. Thus, the refiling of the BCPM Model, with changes, is due January 12, 1999.

3. In previous filings of the BCPM Model, the versions filed by Sprint and by BellSouth contained slight differences. In order to avoid these differences, BellSouth has attempted to utilize the Sprint Model as the basis for the changes identified in the Staff Recommendation. Unfortunately, this process

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of running a version of the model that is in some respects new to BellSouth and incorporating the required changes has proven to be unexpectedly time consuming. Consequently, BellSouth has been unable to finalize the BCPM/Sprint version, with changes, that it intends to file.

4. BellSouth anticipates that it will be able to make the necessary changes to finalize the filing of the BCPM Model in no more than three days, and hopefully in less time. Therefore, no more than a short extension will be needed. No party to this proceeding will be prejudiced by this extension. Thus, BellSouth requests that the time for filing the above-identified cost study be extended until January 15, 1999.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests the entry of an order granting an extension of time as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of January, 1999.

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