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April 8, 1999

Re: Docket No. 981834-TP
Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission Action to Support Local
Competition in BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s Service Territory

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's
Petition to Intervene for filing in the above matter. Service has been made as
indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing,
please contact me at 813-483-2617.

ACK Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Competitive Carriers for)
Commission Action to Support Local)
Competition in BellSouth Telecommunications)
Inc.'s Service Territory)
_____)

Docket No. 981834-TP
Filed: April 8, 1999

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Under Commission Rule 25-22.039, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) asks the Commission to allow GTEFL to intervene in this proceeding. GTEFL is a telecommunications company as that term is defined in Section 364.02 of the Florida Statutes. As such, its regulated intrastate operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Communications in regard to this proceeding should be directed to:

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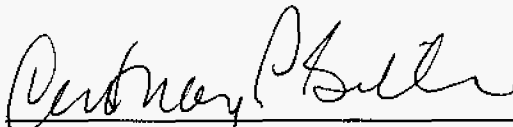
The Petition that initiated this proceeding concerned only BellSouth and BellSouth territory. As such, GTEFL had no reason (or right) to intervene at an earlier point. GTEFL is seeking intervention now only because it became clear at the Commission's March 30, 1999, agenda session that the Commission intended this proceeding to include GTEFL (and Sprint), in addition to BellSouth. GTEFL is thus entitled to intervene because its interests will be substantially and directly affected by the decision here.

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Respectfully submitted on April 8, 1999.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 981834-TP were sent via U. S. mail on April 8, 1999 to the parties on the attached list.


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