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1 BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DANIEL M. BAEZA
3 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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7 Q. Please state your name and business address.

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9 A. My name is Daniel M. Baeza. My business address is 6451 North
10 Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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12 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

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14 A. I am employed by BellSouth as a Director in Infrastructure Planning for
15 the states of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

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17 Q. Please summarize your educational background, work experience, and
18 current responsibilities.

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20 A. I received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in
21 1974, and a master of science degree in electrical engineering in 1979,
22 both from the University of Miami. Also, I have qualified as a registered
23 professional engineer in the state of Florida. For the past twenty four
24 years, I have been an employee of BellSouth. From 1974 to mid-1979,
25 I held various assignments within the Florida Planning and Engineering

1 Department, including circuit engineering, switch engineering, and
2 engineering staff. In 1979 I joined the Network Operations Department
3 as a budget analyst and software developer. I returned to the Network
4 Planning and Engineering Department in 1982 and managed the
5 operation of the E911 automatic location identification
6 system for BellSouth. In 1987, I accepted a rotational assignment with
7 Bell Communications Research in New Jersey, providing project
8 management for the development of new operations support systems.
9 In 1990, I returned to Planning and Engineering in Florida. I presently
10 hold the position of Director in Infrastructure Planning where I
11 am responsible for interoffice facility, switching, and fundamental loop
12 planning as well as other peripheral planning requirements like NPA
13 relief.

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15 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

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17 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide BellSouth's support, as a
18 member of the Telecommunications Industry in the state of Florida, for
19 the NPA Relief selections made in the Industry Meetings held for that
20 purpose for the 305/786, 561, 954 and 904 NPA exhausts.

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22 Q. What are BellSouth's recommendations for relief of the four NPAs due
23 to require relief?

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1 A. BellSouth agrees with the Industry Recommendation resulting from
2 each of the Industry Meetings held in Florida to determine the
3 appropriate action. The consensus of the Industry, in each case, was
4 to relieve the exhausting NPAs via an overlay. In the specific instance
5 of the remainder of the 305 NPA, the Industry Recommendation was to
6 extend the existing overlay to the Keys area.

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8 Q. Please comment on why BellSouth has agreed with the Industry
9 recommendations.

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11 A. BellSouth agrees with the Industry recommendations for several
12 reasons. The overlay option provides the most cost effective
13 arrangement in that customer number changes would not be required.
14 and the associated expense for such number changes would not be
15 incurred. This option offers an equal NPA relief period for all customers
16 and the most consistent and least confusing dialing arrangement since
17 ten digit dialing on a local basis would be required for the entire area.
18 As an example, the implementation of ten digit dialing in the 954 area
19 code would eliminate the current confusion and dialing problems
20 associated with the conflict between the 561 area code and the 561
21 NXX in Ft. Lauderdale, and the 786 area code and the 786 NXX in
22 Pompano Beach. Additionally, the institution of ten digit dialing for the
23 entire area maintains dialing parity. Finally, an overlay allows for the
24 easiest and most expeditious implementation method from both a
25 technical perspective and a customer education perspective and the

1 best and simplest migration path to future NPA relief by assuring the
2 elimination of number changes and the associated costs and confusion.

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4 Q. What dialing patterns will be required for local, toll, and EAS calls if the
5 overlay is adopted?

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7 A. Currently, where the dialing pattern is 7 digit for local calls, the
8 recommended overlay solution will change that arrangement to a
9 mandatory 10 digit dialing pattern. All local inter and intraNPA calls will
10 be dialed on a 10 digit basis. A 1+10 digit dialing pattern will still apply
11 to all toll calls and ECS calls where the Commission has allowed
12 competition.

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14 Q. Does BellSouth have any recommendations or comments concerning
15 number conservation measures as it would affect these pending NPA
16 exhausts?

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18 A. Yes. BellSouth is currently participating to the fullest extent possible in
19 all conservation measures instituted by the North American Numbering
20 Plan Administrator (NANPA). BellSouth recommends that these
21 measures continue until relief can be achieved. With regard to future
22 conservation measures that could delay or prevent premature NPA
23 exhaust, BellSouth is participating in the Florida Public Service
24 Commission Number Conservation Task Force to seek an efficient and
25 equitable solution to future conservation methods. BellSouth believes

1 the Commission should allow the Task Force to complete its work
2 before considering conservation measures for each of these area
3 codes.

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5 Q. **When should NPA relief be implemented?**

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7 A. It is in the best interests of the subscribers to communications services
8 in these exhausting NPAs that the Commission decide upon a relief
9 solution in a timely manner to meet the industry-proposed
implementation dates as provided by Lockheed-Martin. Historically,
such a timeframe has allowed for a transitional dialing period, which
enables its customers to dial seven or ten digits, of up to 6 months. In
addition, the Commission should stagger area code relief
implementation to ensure each area code is implemented as smoothly
as possible.

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11 Q. **Does that conclude your testimony?**

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13 A. **Yes, it does.**

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