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December 15, 1999

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo  
Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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Re: Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Palm Beach Telephone Company pursuant to Sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, BellSouth and Palm Beach Telephone Company are submitting to the Florida Public Service Commission an amendment to their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to Palm Beach Telephone Company. The Commission approved the initial agreement between the companies in Order No. 98-1747 issued December 22, 1998 in Docket 981239-TP.

Pursuant to section 252(e) of the Act, the Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and Palm Beach Telephone Company within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the Commission may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Both parties aver that neither of these reasons exist as to the agreement they have negotiated and therefore, are very hopeful that the Commission shall approve their agreement.

Very truly yours,

*Marshall M. Criser III*

Regulatory Vice President

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**ATTACHMENT TO TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

An Amendment made effective on 12/3/99 to the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between **Palm Beach Telephone Company** and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., dated 9/2/98, for the state(s) of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee consists of the following:

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**Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement  
By and Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
And Palm Beach Telephone Company Dated September 2, 1998**

This Agreement refers to the Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") entered into by Palm Beach Telephone Company ("Palm Beach") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") on September 2, 1998. This Amendment ("Amendment") is made by and between Palm Beach and BellSouth and shall be deemed effective on the date executed by Palm Beach and BellSouth.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Palm Beach and BellSouth (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties") hereby covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. Attachment 4 - Physical Collocation, as amended on October 8, 1999, is hereby amended to delete the following language:

**The rates, terms and conditions contained within this Attachment were negotiated as a whole and each rate, term and condition within the Attachment is interdependent upon the other rates, terms and conditions.**

And the following language is inserted in its place:

**All negotiated rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Attachment pertain to the provision of physical collocation.**

- 2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
- 3. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the appropriate State Public Service Commissions or other Regulatory Agencies for approval subject to Section 252 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

**Palm Beach Telephone Company**

*G. P. Rego, Jr.*  
Signature

G. P. REGO, JR.  
Printed Name

PRESIDENT  
Title

12/3/99  
Date

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.**

*Jerry D. Hendrix*  
Signature

Jerry D. Hendrix  
Printed Name

Sr. Director  
Title

12/3/99  
Date

Palm Beach Telephone Company  
Amendment: Interdependence