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Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Docket No. 991378-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies of a Joint Motion for Continuance of the Schedule.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck
Deputy Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause) Docket No. 991378-TL
proceedings against BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc., for) Dated: July 21, 2000
violation of service standards.)
_____)

JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE SCHEDULE

COMES NOW, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), and The Office of the Public Counsel, ("OPC") (collectively, the "Parties"), hereby file this Joint Motion requesting modification of the testimony and possibly other scheduled dates in this case. The purpose of this extension is to give the Parties an opportunity to resolve the issues in this case.

While the Parties continue to work diligently toward a resolution, it appears that more time will be needed. BellSouth and OPC thus ask the Commission to continue the testimony filing dates in this docket, and hold a scheduling conference to determine whether other dates should be changed. At this time, the Parties believe that their limited resources are best directed to resolving their differences, rather than on preparing for filing testimony that may not be necessary. Given adequate time, BellSouth and OPC hope to achieve a solution that best benefits the public.

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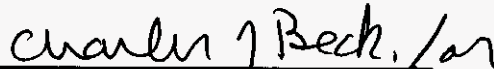
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For these reasons, BellSouth and OPC ask that the Commission continue the filing dates of all remaining testimony in this case and hold a scheduling conference to consider whether other dates need to be changed as well.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of July, 2000



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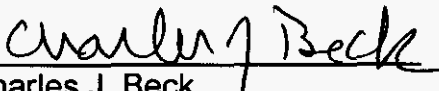


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