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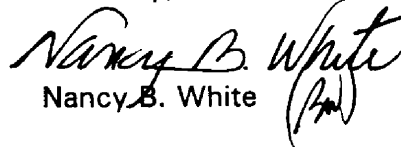
Re: 991378-TL (Show Cause Docket)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Direct and Rebuttal Testimony of Joseph P. Lacher, which we ask that you file in the above-captioned docket. Mr. Lacher's testimony includes information that BellSouth considers proprietary. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. hereby requests that Mr. Lacher's testimony be treated under a claim for confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 25-22.006.

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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,


Nancy B. White

cc: All parties of record
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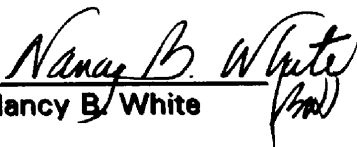
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