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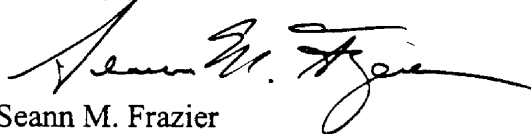
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed are eight (8) copies of Pilgrim Telephone, Inc.'s Request to Authorize Qualified Representatives in the above docket.

We have also enclosed a copy of the document on diskette, prepared in Microsoft Word 7.0 on a Windows 95 operating system. The diskette is a "2HD" density and 1.44 MB.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Seann M. Frazier

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Commissioner Braulio Baez
Pre-hearing Officer
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oaks Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: *In RE: Petition By Pilgrim Telephone, Inc. for Arbitration of Certain Issues in Interconnection Agreement With BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996;*
Docket No. 001436-TP
Request to Authorize Qualified Representatives

Dear Commissioner Baez:

I serve as counsel for Pilgrim Telephone, Inc. in the above-referenced docket. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, I seek your approval to allow the appearance of qualified representatives for Pilgrim Telephone, Inc. in this docket.

Walter E. Steimel, Jr. is an attorney in the Washington D.C. offices of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.¹ Mr. Steimel has been admitted as an attorney to the State of Texas since 1981 and in Washington D.C. since 1996. Mr. Steimel was also admitted in each of the Federal District Courts within Texas as well as the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Steimel is qualified to appear in this administrative proceeding and is capable of representing the rights and interests of Pilgrim Telephone, Inc. His appearance as an authorized representative will not impair the fairness of the proceedings or the correctness of the action to be taken in this docket. Mr. Steimel is well versed in the telecommunications industry and has knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative proceedings, including the concept of hearsay. Mr. Steimel has also made himself familiar with the conduct for qualified representatives set forth in Rule 28-106.107.

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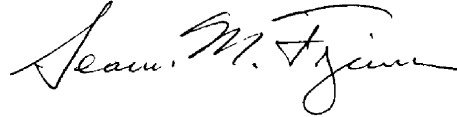
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Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seann M. Frazier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Seann M. Frazier
Greenberg, Traurig P.A.
Counsel for Pilgrim Telephone, Inc.

cc: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
c/o Nancy H. Sims, Nancy B. White, Michael P. Goggin

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