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Re: Docket No. 000828-TP BellSouth/Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership arbitrated interconnection agreement and Docket No. 000761-TP BellSouth Sprint PCS arbitrated interconnection agreement.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Today, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") is filing the conforming interconnection agreement between the parties in connection with the BellSouth/Sprint PCS arbitration docket (000761-TP) and the BellSouth/Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership arbitration docket (000828-TP). The purpose of this letter is to identify one contract provision for which the parties have not been able to agree on appropriate contract language: Attachment 1 (Resale), Section 3.1.2.2, regarding implementation costs for the resale of vertical features on a stand-alone basis. In the agreement being filed today, BellSouth and Sprint have each included "best and final" versions of this contract provision with Sprint's version being not to include the BellSouth-proposed language.

Sprint is aware of this Commission's recent decision in connection with the BellSouth/Global NAPS arbitration proceedings (Docket No. 991220-TP) not to incorporate contract language in connection with issues that were not specifically raised in either the petitioning party's arbitration Petition or the responding party's Response. Accordingly, it appears that the Commission will not consider this language. In the event that the Commission decides to consider the "best and final" language on implementation costs, Sprint believes that BellSouth's proposed language should be rejected. The Commission has already ruled that BellSouth must provide vertical features to Sprint on a stand-alone basis at the wholesale discount, pursuant to BellSouth's obligations under Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. BellSouth should not be allowed to undermine this fundamental principle by attempting to recover "implementation costs" associated with BellSouth's fulfillment of its statutory obligation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Masterton".

Susan Masterton

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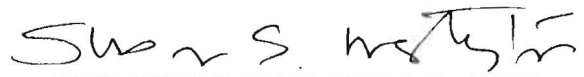
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