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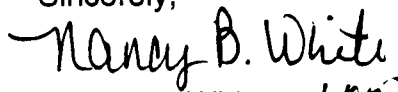
Re: 960786-B-TL (Section 271)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen copies of correspondence from Milton McElroy of BellSouth to Ms. Lisa Harvey dated November 7, 2000 regarding KMPG Consulting's bifurcation recommendation. BellSouth requests that the attached letter be filed in the above-captioned matter.

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 of record as shown on the certificate of service.

Sincerely,


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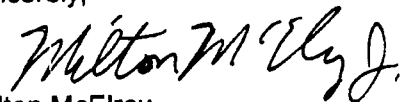
Dear Ms. Harvey:

This letter is in response to the KPMG Consulting recommendation regarding the inclusion of further billing testing after the deployment of Tapestry, which is associated with UNE billing. Mr. Dave Wirsching made their recommendation in his October 23 letter to you.

BellSouth agrees with KPMG Consulting's bifurcation recommendation (Option B) for the same reasons mentioned in Mr. Wirsching's letter. An appendix report could be issued after this phase of testing is complete and attached to the KPMG final report for the Florida OSS test.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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