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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo Director, Division of the Commission Clerk And Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Tropical Storm Isidore

000121A-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Pursuant to Section 4.5.4 of BellSouth's Self Effectuating Enforcement Mechanism Administration Plan. ("Plan"), approved by the Florida Public Service Commission on February 12, 2002, by Order No. PSC-02-0187-FOF-TP, BellSouth is not obligated for penalties under Tier 1 or Tier 2 Enforcement Mechanism for noncompliance with a performance measure if such noncompliance is the result of a force majeure event.

As of September 25, 2002, the following wire centers were under a tropical storm warning issued by the National Weather Service regarding Tropical Storm Isidore. The following wire centers and associated NPANXXs are defined as the service emergency georgraphic area:

> Bellmont Ferry Pass Pine Forrest Hillcrest **Gulf Breeze** Munson Pace

Perdido Bay Milton Holly Navarre

Warrington Jay Cantonment Century

NPA 850

NNX 474 475 476 477 478 479 484 492 494 497 505 595 623 626 675 857 912 916 932 934 936 937 939 941 944 957 968 416 429 430 432 433 434 435 436 437 438 439 444 452 453 454 455 456 457 458 469 470 471 473 969 981 983 994 995

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BellSouth views Tropical Storm Isidore as a force majeure event relieving BellSouth of penalty obligations under the plan.

Sincerely,

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