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Mrs. Blanca Bayó
Division of the Commission Clerk and
Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 000733-TL Investigation to determine whether BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s tariff filing to restructure its late payment charge is in violation of Section 364.051, F.S.

Dear Mrs. Bayó:

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's Order No. PSC-01-1769-FOF-TL issued in Docket No. 000733-TL, BellSouth has begun to issue refunds of the late payment interest fee to existing and former BellSouth customers.

The refund has been calculated to be \$84,437,000 plus \$4,842,000 in interest to equal a total of \$89,279,000. The refund amount reflects the late payment interest fee on regulated BellSouth services that was paid by retail end users and paid by Alternative Local Exchange Companies (ALECs) that resell BellSouth's regulated services.

Existing customers are receiving credits on their bills beginning with the March 26, 2003, billing period. BellSouth is also in the process of issuing checks directly to former customers in accordance with Rule 25-4.114, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Yours truly,



Nancy H. Sims
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