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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

Re: Petition by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC  
And TCG South Florida for Arbitration of Interconnection  
Agreement with Sprint-Florida, Incorporated Under the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996  
Docket No.: 030296-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

On March 24, 2003, AT&T filed a Petition for Arbitration with Sprint-Florida, Inc. The parties agreed that negotiations began between them on October 16, 2002. Consequently, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission is required to render a decision in the arbitration on or about July 13, 2003.

Staff has requested that the parties agree to waive the applicable statutory timeframe to accommodate the Commission's hearing schedule. By this letter, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC states that it does not object to an extension of the statutory deadline, with the understanding that the Commission will establish a schedule that allows the arbitration to move forward as expeditiously as possible within the Commission's scheduling constraints.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 404-888-7437.

Sincerely yours,

Loretta A. Cecil

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