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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó
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Re: **Docket No. 030513-TP: In re: Request by Essex Acquisition Corporation for waiver of carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., for transfer of local and long distance customers from NOW Communications, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

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 shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,



James Meza III (KA)

cc: All Parties of Record
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket No. 030513-TP

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via

Electronic Mail and First Class U. S. Mail this 6th day of October, 2003 to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by Essex) Docket No. 030513-TP
Acquisition Corporation for)
waiver of carrier selection)
requirements of Rule 25-4.118,)
F.A.C., for transfer of local)
and long distance customers from)
NOW Communications, Inc.)
_____) Filed: October 6, 2003

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), pursuant to Rule 28-106.204(5), Florida Administrative Code, requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("the Commission") grant it an extension of time until October 7, 2003 to file its response to NOW Communications, Inc.'s ("NOW") Motion to Dismiss BellSouth's Protest/Request for Clarification of Proposed Agency Action and Petition for Leave to Intervene ("Motion"). In support of this motion, BellSouth states the following:

1. On September 19, 2003, NOW filed its Motion.
2. The Certificate of Service states that BellSouth was served by U. S. Mail on that same day. BellSouth never received a copy of the Motion to Dismiss.
3. On September 24, 2003, BellSouth contacted Counsel for NOW. On that same day, counsel for NOW sent BellSouth a copy of its Motion via electronic mail. BellSouth needs additional time to file its response to this Motion.
4. Neither the parties nor Staff would be prejudiced by an extension of time.

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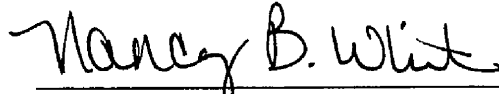
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5. BellSouth contacted NOW's counsel and he informed BellSouth that it does not object to BellSouth's request for an extension.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant the parties an extension of time until October 7, 2003 in which to file their response.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of October, 2003.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.



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