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Florida Public Service Commission  
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**RE: BellSouth BSE, Inc.  
Notice Of Transfer Of Certificate and Merger**

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Please find attached for filing with the Commission, the original and 6 copies of BellSouth Long Distance, Inc.'s ("BSLD") Application to transfer BellSouth BSE, Inc.'s ("BSE") existing certificate granted by the Florida Public Service Commission, Certificate number 5261, to BSLD, Certificate number 5241. BSE has been a certificated Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Provider in the State of Florida since 1998. Please also find attached a check for the application fee in the amount of \$250.00.

This transaction will be transparent to the customers of BSE as there will be no change in contact information, services, rates or terms and conditions of service. The Company plans to market, brand and bill all services in the BellSouth Long Distance, Inc. name after the merger is completed.

The key management positions of both BSE and BSLD are virtually the same. As a result, the key management and technical expertise necessary to operate a successful CLEC will remain in place after the completion of the transfer and merger.

BSLD is currently a successful provider of long distance services in the State of Florida. BSLD is a subsidiary of BellSouth Corporation, a diversified telecommunications company, serving millions of customers. In addition, BSLD has a number of financial vehicles in place to ensure adequate liquidity in meeting its anticipated funding needs.

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