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- B. Docket No. 040489-TP: Joint CLEC's Emergency Complaint Seeking an Order Requiring BellSouth and Verizon to Continue to Honor Existing Interconnection Agreements
- C. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
 on behalf of Nancy B. White
- D. 4 pages total (including letter, attachment and certificate of service)
- E. Letter to Bayo responding to the Joint CLEC's request for expedited relief.

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**Re: Docket No. 040489-TP; Joint CLECs' Emergency Complaint
Seeking an Order Requiring BellSouth and Verizon to Continue
to Honor Existing Interconnection Agreements**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On May 21, 2004, XO Florida, Inc. and Allegiance Telecom of Florida, Inc. ("Joint CLECs") filed an Emergency Complaint, which purports to require expedited action from this Commission due to the Joint CLECs' perception of an imminent service disruption. BellSouth will file its formal response to this Complaint on or before June 10, 2004; in the meantime this letter responds to the Joint CLECs' request for expedited relief. As set forth more fully herein, such emergency relief is not necessary.

During this Commission's May 11, 2004 teleconference in Docket Nos. 030851-TP and 030852-TP, BellSouth clarified its position concerning the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals decision vacating portions of the *Triennial Review Order*. BellSouth also posted a Carrier Notification Letter on May 24, 2004 to set forth its position, which is attached hereto.

BellSouth intended to alleviate apparent uncertainty on the part of some carriers. Apparently, some carriers purport to remain confused. As provided in BellSouth's May 24, 2004 Carrier Letter Notification, BellSouth will not "unilaterally disconnect services being provided to any CLEC under the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement." Consequently, there will be no chaos as the Joint CLECs allege. BellSouth will effectuate changes to its interconnection agreements via established legal procedures.

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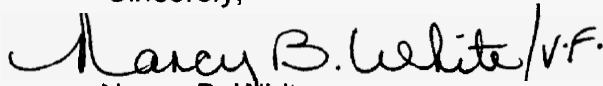
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With respect to new or future orders, "BellSouth will not unilaterally breach its interconnection agreements." If the D.C. Circuit issues its mandate on June 15, 2004, BellSouth will continue to accept and process new orders for services (including switching, high capacity transport, and high capacity loops) and will bill for those services in accordance with the terms of existing interconnection agreements, until such time as those agreements have been amended, reformed, or modified consistent with the D.C. Circuit's decision pursuant to established legal processes. As it is legally entitled to do, BellSouth reserves all rights, arguments, and remedies it has under the law with respect to the rates, terms, and conditions in the agreements.

I trust this information adequately addresses the Joint CLECs' concerns relating to service disruption and demonstrates that expedited action by this Commission is unnecessary. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Nancy B. White

cc: Parties of Record
Beth Keating

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**Carrier Notification
SN91084106**

Date: May 24, 2004

To: Facility-Based Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC)

Subject: Facility-Based CLECs – (Business/Operations Process) - Provision of Service to CLECs
Post-Vacatur

The District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals' March 2, 2004, Opinion vacating certain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Unbundled Network Element (UNE) rules is scheduled to become effective on June 16, 2004. This letter is to affirm that BellSouth will not unilaterally breach its interconnection agreements. Upon vacatur of the rules, BellSouth does intend to pursue modification, reformation or amendment of existing Interconnection Agreements (with the exception of new commercial and transition agreements) to properly reflect the Court's mandate. Rumors have been circulating that, upon vacatur, services that BellSouth now provides to CLECs under their Interconnection Agreements will be disconnected. Contrary to such rumors, if the rules are vacated, BellSouth will not, as a result of the vacatur, unilaterally disconnect services being provided to any CLEC under the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact your BellSouth contract manager.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY KRISTEN ROWE FOR JERRY HENDRIX

Jerry Hendrix – Assistant Vice President
BellSouth Interconnection Services

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOCKET NO. 040489-TP**

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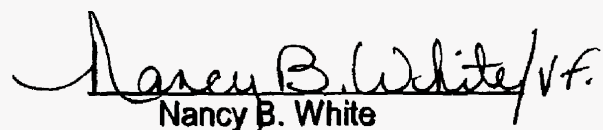
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