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Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director
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Room 110, Easley Building
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
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Re: Docket No. 040604

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing please in the above referenced docket is Petition to Intervene of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC ("AT&T"). Copies of this document will be served on all parties via electronic and U.S. Mail. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 425-6360.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely yours,

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Tracy W. Hatch

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Attachment
cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Adoption of the National School)
Lunch Program and an Income-based) Docket No.040604-TP
Criterion at or below 135% of the Federal)
Poverty Guidelines as Eligibility Criteria) Filed: December 17, 2004
For the Lifeline and Link-up Programs)

AT&T'S COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, LLC'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC (hereinafter "AT&T"), pursuant to Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106-205, Florida Administrative Code, files this Petition to Intervene with the Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") in the above-referenced docket. Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition, designating AT&T as a party of record and affording it all applicable rights under Florida law and the rules and regulations of this Commission. In support thereof, Petitioners respectfully show the following:

1. Petitioner's principal place of business is:

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2. All pleadings, orders, notices and other correspondence with respect to this docket should be addressed to:

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3. AT&T is a telecommunications company that has been duly certificated by the Commission as a competitive local exchange telecommunications company ("CLEC") and an interexchange company ("IXC") in Florida. As such, AT&T is subject to the rules, regulations and orders of the Commission, and such rules, regulations and orders impact AT&T's ability to provide local exchange telecommunications service and intrastate interexchange telecommunications service.

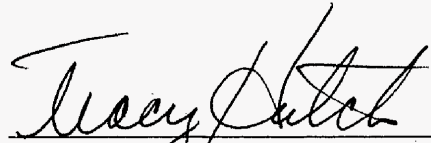
4. In this docket, the Commission is set to address whether to expand eligibility criteria for Lifeline and Link-Up assistance. The Commission is also expected to address whether Florida Incumbent Local Exchange Companies (ILECs) should be required to offer Lifeline credits to customers based on the newly expanded eligibility criteria and whether to adopt a new self-certification process to be implemented by the ILECs to determine eligibility for Lifeline and Link-Up assistance.

5. Some of the parties to this proceeding have stated a need for a state universal service fund or alternative cost recovery mechanism to recover the cost of the \$3.50 state discount for Lifeline customers.

6. Because this proceeding will address, *inter alia*, proposed universal service funding mechanisms, the Commission's decision in this docket may or will directly affect the substantial interests of AT&T and its business operations in the state of Florida.

WHEREFORE, AT&T, respectfully requests that the Commission grant them the leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of December, 2004.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served on the following parties by Hand Delivery and/or U. S. Mail this 17th day of December, 2004.

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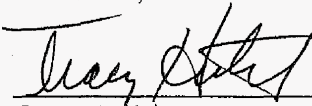
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