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**Via Electronic Mail and First Class U.S. Mail**

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó  
Director, Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
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**Re: Docket No. 040604-TL  
In re: Adoption of the National School Lunch Program and an  
income-based criterion at or below 135% of the Federal  
Poverty Guidelines as eligibility criteria for the Lifeline and  
Link-Up programs**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

On January 4, 2005, BellSouth met with the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission to discuss the proposal made by BellSouth in the direct testimony of Mr. Rod DeYonker in connection with the above captioned docket. During the course of the discussion, the Staff requested that BellSouth set forth, in writing, its formal proposal.

BellSouth hereby proposes the following:

1. BellSouth would file a tariff to implement BellSouth's simplified certification process for a period of one year. BellSouth's simplified certification process would enable all eligible customers to receive the full Lifeline and Link-Up (if applicable) credit. The Lifeline/Link-Up credit would apply after BellSouth receives the customer's signature on a document certifying "under penalty of perjury" that the customer participates in one of the Florida Lifeline eligible programs and identifies the qualifying program.
2. During the course of the year, Docket No. 040604-TL would be held in abeyance in its entirety, as to all parties.

3. A review of the simplified certification process would be held six months into the year. BellSouth would provide its findings of the first six months to Staff and the parties to the docket.
4. If circumstances arise that warrant a review earlier than six months (e.g. indications of significant fraud), such a review would be held with the Staff and parties to the docket.
5. At the review or when the Florida Supreme Court rules on consolidated Case Nos. SC04-9, SC04-10 and SC04-946 (the rate rebalancing case), whichever is earlier, BellSouth and the Staff would revisit the issue of adding the National School Lunch Program and an income-based criterion of 135% of the federal poverty level as additional eligibility criteria.
6. BellSouth would commit to working with the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel to include a formal school outreach effort in the Lifeline education program.
7. If this proposal is accepted by the Commission in its entirety, BellSouth would file its tariff to implement the proposal within forty-five (45) days of an Order formally approving the abeyance.

It is BellSouth's understanding that the parties are to file responses to this proposal by January 11, 2005 and that a follow-up call will be held with Staff on January 13, 2005.

Sincerely,



Nancy B. White

cc: All Parties of Record  
Adam Teitzman  
Kira Scott

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
DOCKET NO. 040604-TL**

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