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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 050182-TP

Joint Petition for waiver of carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, FAC, to allow KMC Telecom III LLC to transfer certain customer accounts to TelCove Investment, LLC

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. White

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record Marshall M. Criser III R. Douglas Lackey

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 050182-TP

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

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Joint Petition for waiver of carrier)	Docket No. 050182-TP
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FAC, to allow KMC Telecom III LLC to)	
transfer certain customer accounts to)	
TelCove Investment, LLC)	
)	Filed: May 12, 2005

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth" or "Company"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests leave to intervene in this proceeding, and as grounds therefore states:

- 1. BellSouth is a telephone company lawfully doing business in the State of Florida whose regulated operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.
- 2. BellSouth's principal place of business in Florida is 150 W. Flagler Street, Suite 1910, Miami, Florida 33130. Pleadings and process in this matter may be served upon:

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- 3. Any decision made by the Commission in the context of this proceeding will necessarily affect the substantial interests of BellSouth and its business operations in the State of Florida.
- 4. On March 14, 2005, KMC Telecom III LLC ("KMC III") and TelCove Investment, LLC ("TelCove") filed a joint petition with the Commission requesting a

waiver of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, to complete a transfer of assets/customers.

- 5. At this juncture, BellSouth and KMC III have on-going issues regarding an audit of KMC III's factors. To eliminate the KMC III assets as a source of payment for liabilities currently owed to BellSouth by any KMC entity could prejudice BellSouth's ability to recover under the interconnection agreement.
- 6. BellSouth has current disputes with KMC entities under the existing interconnection agreement. BellSouth is seeking assurances from the purchaser and seller that liabilities resulting from ongoing or pending audits as well as other existing liabilities will be appropriately handled in the transfer, including retention of records necessary to comply with audit provisions of the existing agreement between BellSouth and KMC.
- 7. Matters affecting BellSouth's legal interests may be determined in the proceedings, and BellSouth's interest will not be adequately represented unless BellSouth is allowed to intervene.
- 8. Allowing BellSouth to intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.
- BellSouth respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of May, 2005.

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