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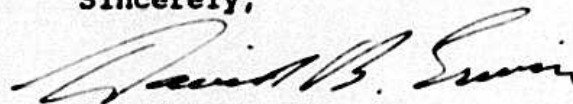
Ms. Blanco Bayo  
Director, Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: In re: Petition for numbering plan area relief for  
904 area code, by BellSouth Telecommunica-  
tions, Inc.  
Docket No. 961153-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen copies of  
Gulf Telecommunications' Petition to Intervene in the above  
docket. Copies have been provided to parties of record.

Sincerely,



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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for numbering )  
plan area relief for 904 ) Docket No. 961153-TL  
area code, by BellSouth )  
Telecommunications, Inc. ) Filed: November 1, 1996  
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**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Gulf Telecommunications, pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, F.A.C., hereby requests leave to intervene in these proceedings, and as grounds therefor states as follows:

1. Gulf Telecommunications is a telephone company lawfully doing business in the 904 area code, in the Tallahassee Market Area, in the State of Florida, pursuant to authority granted by this Commission.

2. Gulf Telecommunications's principal place of business in Florida is at

115 W. Drew Street  
Perry, Florida 32347

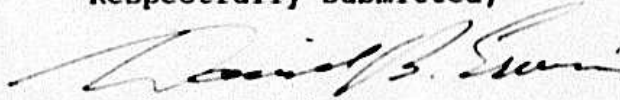
3. All pleadings and other documents in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned attorney for Gulf Telecommunications at the address given below.

4. Any decision made by the Commission in this proceeding will affect the substantial interests of Gulf Telecommunications and its business operations. The petition by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. in this docket presents several different options for dealing with the problem of exhaustion of numbering resources in the 904 area code. Only one option has been presented which is appropriate for Gulf Telecommunications. If that option is not chosen, the revenues and operations of Gulf Telecommunications will be adversely affected.

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WHEREFORE, Gulf Telecommunications requests that the Commission grant the company leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
**DOCKET NO. 961153-TL**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been sent by U. S. Mail or hand-delivery this 1st day of November, 1996, to the following parties of record:

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