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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo Director, Division of Records and Reporting' Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: Docket No. 960847-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced dockets is AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s (AT&T) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s (BellSouth) Joint Motion for Extension of Time.

Copies of the foregoing are being served on all parties or record in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

ACK — Sincerely,

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CMU — Tracy Hatch

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petitions by AT&T Communications) of the Southern States, Inc.; MCI) Telecommunications Corporation; MCI Metro) Access Transmission Services, Inc. for arbitration of certain terms and condition) terms and conditions of a proposed agreement with BellSouth) Telecommunications, Inc. concerning interconnection and resale under the) Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Docket No. 960833-TP Docket No. 960846-TP

Filed: March 3, 1997

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby file a Joint Motion for Extension of Time. In support of the joint request, AT&T and BellSouth state as follows:

- 1. By Order No. PSC-96-1579-FOF-TP (the Arbitration Order), issued December 31, 1996, BellSouth and AT&T were directed to negotiate the final language of the their respective proposed interconnection agreements reflecting the Commission's decisions in the Arbitration Order, and to file their proposed agreement within 30 days.
- 2. On January 15, 1997, BellSouth filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Arbitration Order. On January 27, 1997, AT&T filed a Cross-Motion for Reconsideration of the Arbitration Order.
- 3. As required by the Arbitration Order, on January 30, 1997, BellSouth and AT&T filed a joint proposed interconnection agreement reflecting the provisions upon which each party agreed.

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The joint proposed agreement also reflected those instances where agreement could not be reached and set forth the proposed language of each party.

- 4. The Commission addressed the requests for reconsideration as well as the disputed contract provisions at its Special Agenda Conference held on February 21, 1997. With extensive discussion, the Commission voted to resolve the issues presented at the Special Agenda. At the conclusion of the Special Agenda Conference, the Commission determined that the final agreement between BellSouth and AT&T incorporating the decisions made during the Special Agenda Conference should be filed by March 7, 1997.
- 5. Both BellSouth and AT&T were present and observed the deliberations of the Commission at the Special Agenda Conference. The extensive discussion of the Commission has created some confusion as to the Commission's ultimate decisions and has engendered divergent views as to the decisions reached as well as the supporting rationale. The differing views have made completing the final language of the arbitrated agreement difficult for both BellSouth and AT&T.
- 6. BellSouth and AT&T each agree that the Order to be issued reflecting the Commission's decisions will significantly aid in achieving the appropriate language to be included in the final arbitrated agreement.

- 7. For the reasons discussed above, AT&T and BellSouth request that the Commission grant an extension of time to file the final arbitrated agreement until 14 days after the impending order is issued.
- 8. The undersigned Counsel for AT&T is authorized to represent that Counsel for BellSouth has been consulted regarding the foregoing and that BellSouth joins in the request for an extension of time.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth and AT&T respectfully urge the Commission to extend the filing deadline for filing the final interconnection agreement until 14 days after the Order resolving the requests for reconsideration and establishing the disputed portions of the joint proposed agreement is issued.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of March, 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

DOCKET NOS. 960833-TP, 960846-TP and 960916-TP

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand-delivery to the following parties of record this 3rd day of March, 1997:

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