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1	BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2	DOCKET NO. 980119-TP
3	AMENDED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BRADFORD HAMILTON
4	SUPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.
5	April 9, 1998
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7	Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.
8	A. My name is Bradford Hamilton. My business address is
9	2620 S.W. 27th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33133-3001.
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11	Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?
12	A. I am employed by Supra Telecommunications & Information
13	Systems, Inc., ("Supra") as Customer Service Manager.
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15	Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORK
16	EXPERIENCE.
17	A. I received a Bachelor's Degree from Nova Southeastern in
18	Psychology 1992. I am two courses shy of my Master's
19	Degree in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Nova
20	Southeastern.
21	I worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company from
22	May 12, 1978, until the divestiture of AT&T on January 1,
23	1984. At that point, I worked in the long distance
24	division, and my division was transferred to AT&T Long
25	Lines where I worked until May 1997. In October 1997, I
26	was employed by Supra Telecommunications & Information
27	Systems, Inc. I have over 19 years experience working in
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1	the Bell System and/or AT&T.
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3	Q. WHAT ARE YOUR PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES?
4	A. My present responsibilities include management of the
5	Customer Service Department at Supra. My department
б	handles all customer service activities, including the
7	processing of orders for service and customer inquiries.
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9	Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
10	A. The purpose of my testimony is to address Issues 4d, 4e,
11	5, and 10 identified in this proceeding.
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13	ISSUE NO. 4: HAS BELLSOUTH FAILED TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT
14	THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF ITS INTERCONNECTION,
15	COLLOCATION, AND RESALE AGREEMENTS WITH SUPRA SUCH THAT
16	SUPRA IS ABLE TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE ON PARITY
17	WITH THAT WHICH BELLSOUTH PROVIDES:
18	d. ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS
19	(OSS) AND OSS INTERFACES (ORDERING AND
20	PROVISIONING, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND
21	REPAIR);
22	f. TIMELINESS OF INSTALLATION, REPAIR, AND
23	MAINTENANCE.
24	A. In regard to Issues 4d and 4e, a most serious problem
25	Supra has with BellSouth is that when a Supra customer
26	dials 611 for repair, he is connected to BellSouth's Repair

1 Office. This is not how Supra understood the repair 2 process was to work under the resale agreement. The first 3 point of call for Supra customers with repair problems is 4 supposed to be Supra. Supra is to receive the call from the customer and then call BellSouth to arrange to have the 5 6 problem fixed. However, customers get BellSouth's Repair 7 Office and BellSouth's customer service representatives 8 have the opportunity to win back the account. Customers 9 with service in need of repair are very vulnerable to 10 communications from BellSouth's Repair Office that imply 11 there may be problems in fixing their service "because it is a reseller account." 12

Even when Supra is given the opportunity to handle Supra's customers' repair problems, BellSouth has not provided repair service on parity with that it provides to its own customers.

17 An actual example of a repair problem with a Supra 18 customer, a Mr. X, will illustrate the types of problems 19 Supra has experienced in this area. A letter from this 20 customer is attached as exhibit BH-1. On December 15, 21 1997, Mr. X's home telephone went dead after a 22 thunderstorm. The situation was reported to the BellSouth 23 Repair Office at 12:00 Noon by Supra's Customer Service 24 Department. BellSouth's Repair Office identified the 25 problem as a phone off hook and told Supra to inform the 26 customer to unplug all phones in the house, wait 15

1 minutes, and plug all phones back in. Supra informed the 2 customer as directed, including telling the customer that 3 cordless telephones often cause this, so he should leave 4 the cordless telephone disconnected. This did not fix the 5 problem.

6 On December 16, 1997, Mr. X again contacted Supra and 7 Supra personnel reviewed the steps BellSouth had given the 8 customer. Unable to resolve the issue in this fashion, 9 Supra again filed a complaint with BellSouth's Repair 10 Office at 11:35 A.M. Supra informed the Repair Office that 11 this was not an equipment problem and requested that 12 BellSouth run a test report. A technician was scheduled to 13 go to Mr. X's house, test the circuits and effect repair 14 before 6:00 P.M. the same day.

15 The following morning on December 17, 1997, Mr. X 16 called Supra angry because, while he had waited at home for 17 the technician to arrive, the technician never came. Supra 18 immediately filed another report with BellSouth's Repair Office at 10:00 A.M. The Repair Office stated the 19 technician had not been able to make it to the customer's 20 21 premises. However, the Repair Office had not notified Supra or the customer of this. Another technician was 22 scheduled to visit the customer before 3:00 P.M. on 23 24 December 17, 1997, if the customer was going to be home. 25 Supra contacted Mr. X, but due to the time he had already 26 taken off from work on this issue, Mr. X was unable to meet

the technician that day and made a new appointment for the following day at 11:00 A.M. BellSouth's Repair Office was contacted and agreed to have a technician visit the customer at 11:00 A.M.

5 On December 18, 1997, the customer called, very upset, 6 to inform Supra that the BellSouth technician never arrived 7 as agreed. Supra placed the fourth call on this issue to BellSouth's Repair Office at 12:30 P.M. BellSouth informed 8 9 Supra that this time the technician did go to the 10 customer's premises to effect repair, and no problems were 11 found. Supra asked to speak with the technician that had performed the testing. The technician called Supra and 12 13 told us that he was asked not to go into the customer's 14 premises by his supervisor because the account belonged to a reseller company. He tested the line outside the 15 customer's premises and discovered that it was OK up to the 16 17 terminal. Because of the supervisor's instructions, the technician did not speak with the customer, inform the 18 19 customer of testing the line, allow the customer to insist the technician execute the inside wire plan maintenance, or 20 let the customer know that he could return to work. 21

Supra then called BellSouth's Repair Office for the fifth time and informed them that the customer had an inside wire plan and that Supra is allowed to resell the inside wire maintenance plan. BellSouth claimed to be unaware that Supra could resell this service, although the

customer records clearly indicate that the customer has
 continued to pay for this service since transferring to
 Supra. Due to the problems with making contact, BellSouth
 requested that the customer leave a key with his neighbor
 and BellSouth would send a technician the next day.
 Surprisingly, Mr. X agreed to this condition.

7 On December 19, 1997, Mr. X again called Supra to 8 inform us that the BellSouth technician did not arrive as 9 scheduled. Supra called BellSouth's Repair Office, making 10 a sixth complaint on this line. Numerous telephone calls 11 were exchanged between personnel at various levels in Supra 12 and BellSouth, and an appointment was made for the 13 following morning, Saturday, December 20, 1997.

14 At 2:00 P.M. on December 20, 1997, Supra was able to 15 verify Mr. X's line and found it to be repaired and in 16 working order.

There is no doubt that had Mr. X been a BellSouth 17 customer, this particular chain of events would never have 18 happened. Mr. X's service would have been restored on the 19 20 first visit, which would have occurred much sooner than it The repair supervisor would never have advised the did. 21 technician not to enter the customer's premises, the 22 technician would have spoken to the customer, allowing Mr. 23 24 X to inform him of the inside wire maintenance plan and insist on the technician solving the problem right then. 25 There would not likely have been so many missed 26

appointments, as the BellSouth Repair Office would have had
 to face the wrath of Mr. X directly.

3 Supra retained this customer. Under similar
4 circumstances, we have lost many more.

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Q. DO YOU HAVE OTHER EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMS SUPRA HAS
EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF SUPRA HAVING INADEQUATE
ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO BELLSOUTH'S OPERATIONAL SUPPORT
SYSTEMS AND/OR BELLSOUTH'S UNTIMELY INSTALLATION,

10 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR?

11 A. Yes. I have a series of incidents that have occurred 12 just since the beginning of March 1998 that are typical of 13 the problems Supra has experienced with BellSouth from the 14 beginning.

15 The first incident involved one of Supra's large accounts. See exhibit BH-11 which is a series of faxes 16 17 back and forth between Supra and this large customer. On March 9, 1998, I received a fax from our large customer 18 19 that questioned our billing them for three Miami numbers. 20 The customer stated that these three numbers did not belong 21 to the customer because they had been disconnected by BellSouth in 1996. The customer stated that she had spoken 22 23 to their BellSouth representative who had explained that 24 when the customer had transferred their account to Supra, 25 Supra had reestablished those numbers on their account. I 26 told the customer that Supra could not have reestablished

numbers that had been disconnected for two years for the obvious reason of the Miami number shortage. The same three numbers would not have been available after such a long period of time. I told the customer I would investigate the situation to verify if these numbers had been in service at the time of the customer's transfer to Supra.

8 On March 11, 1998, I checked the BellSouth Customer 9 Service Records and all three lines were listed as active 10 accounts, billed to the customer's address. It was obvious that BellSouth had not completed the customer's original 11 12 request to disconnect the three lines and rather than accept responsibility for that error, had blamed Supra for 13 14 the mistake. Furthermore, it is absolutely impossible that Supra could have reestablished these three particular phone 15 16 numbers unless these numbers had been on the customer's bill as active lines when the customer's account was 17 switched to Supra. Supra would have had no other way to 18 know anything about these lines. It was not until the 19 20 customer received Supra's bill that the error was apparent because BellSouth's bills are so complicated that errors 21 22 can be hidden for a long time without a customer becoming aware of them. After my investigation, I urged the 23 customer to check with her BellSouth account representative 24 as to whether the three lines had been active at the time 25 of the customer's transfer to Supra. A few days later we 26

received a letter from the customer stating that they would 1 2 be transferring back to BellSouth because their account 3 representative had stated that Supra has made too many "mistakes" on the customer's account. When BellSouth tried 4 5 to transfer the account, BellSouth completely disconnected the customer's dial tone. The customer called me from her 6 cellular phone to report the trouble. I explained to her 7 that Supra had made no order activity on her account and 8 the problem she was having was because BellSouth had made 9 an error on the order to transfer her account to BellSouth. 10 11 When BellSouth transfers an account back to BellSouth, 12 BellSouth's employees generate an order to disconnect the 13 customer from the reseller and a new connect order to The customer told me that she had spoken to 14 BellSouth. BellSouth before calling me and BellSouth told her that it 15 16 was Supra's fault that she had lost dial tone. Furthermore, BellSouth repair told her that if she had 17 never switched in the first place, the loss of dial tone 18 would never have happened. After the customer's account 19 transferred back to BellSouth, we received a fax from the 20 customer on March 20, 1998, at 4:00 PM, asking us to 21 disconnect two of the numbers she questioned as active 22 She had discovered that the lines were indeed live 23 lines. 24 and working at her address.

The second incident began on March 10, 1998. I placed
an order for new residential service for a new Supra

employee. See exhibit BH-12 attached hereto which is a 1 2 series of faxes and documents including LENS printouts and 3 a Local Service Request related to this incident. 1 4 followed the correct ordering procedures. I verified the employee's new address in LENS. I reserved two telephone 5 6 numbers in LENS because the new employee desired two lines. 7 I filled out the proper forms and faxed them to the 8 BellSouth Local Carrier Service Center (LCSC) on March 10, 9 On March 12, 1998, I received a clarification 1998. 10 requesting the customer's long distance carrier choices(s). 11 I faxed the corrected forms. On March 13, 1998, after I faxed the corrected forms, I received a clarification 12 stating that there was working service at the address. 13 14 Furthermore, the LCSC was asking if the service requested was an additional line. I called the BellSouth 15 16 representative who processed our request and told him that 17 it was not an additional line, but new service and the employee was moving into the apartment in one day. 18 The representative told me that since there was working service 19 20 in another name and since the service was non-published, he could not process the Supra order. The representative told 21 me that his supervisor, Ms. Theresa Gentry, instructed him 22 that the only way our order could be processed was that the 23 owner of the telephone service in that apartment would have 24 to call the BellSouth business office and have the service 25 26 disconnected. I explained to the representative that the

owner had abandoned the service and that this is not the
 way BellSouth handles such requests. The representative
 said there was nothing more he could do because Ms. Gentry
 had told him not to process the Supra order.

When BellSouth encounters such a situation, they 5 verify with the leasing office that the previous renter had 6 7 indeed moved out of the unit, then BellSouth disconnects 8 the abandoned service and installs the new tenant's 9 service. Because of Ms. Gentry's instructions, our 10 employee had to wait seven days to have his service 11 installed. This was guite distressing to him since he had a two month old baby and was concerned that if a medical 12 emergency occurred, he would not be able to reach the 13 14 proper agencies expeditiously.

This incident points out a deficiency in Supra's 15 access to BellSouth's operational support systems in that 16 Supra has no way to determine that there is working phone 17 service at a particular address. BellSouth can determine 18 19 this immediately electronically. In these types of situations, Supra will verify an address given by a 20 customer in LENS to assure that it is a valid 911 address 21 and then submit an order for service. Only after 48 hours 22 is Supra notified that BellSouth's information indicates 23 that there is working phone service at that address. This 24 creates an immediate minimum 48 hour delay. Of course, 25 Supra goes on to waste many more hours of employee time on 26

these types of problems resulting from lack of electronic
 access to BellSouth's operational support systems.

On March 19, 1998, I received a call from the office 3 manager of a former business customer. The office manager 4 5 wanted to know why they were receiving a bill from Supra because they had transferred back to BellSouth on January 6 7 14, 1998. I looked up the customer's service record in LENS and discovered the problem. See exhibit BH-13 which 8 9 is a copy of the LENS customer service record. When BellSouth processed the order to transfer the account back 10 11 to Bellsouth, for some bizarre reason, the agent billed the 12 account to Supra. After I hung up with the customer, I called the BellSouth business office and I reached a Ms. 13 14 Marie Dinish at the BellSouth Jacksonville office. Ι 15 explained the situation and asked that she please disconnect our billing number from this customer's account. 16 Ms. Dinish was quite rude to me and said she could not do 17 that because the end user did not request the billing to be 18 19 disconnected from Supra's account. I told her that it was 20 obvious the end user did not want their billing to go to Supra when they had transferred their account from Supra 21 22 and back to BellSouth. I asked her to please check with her supervisor, call the end user, disconnect the billing 23 from our account and change the effective bill date to the 24 transfer date of January 14, 1998, to assure that Supra 25 26 would not have to pay for this BellSouth customer's

1 service. She told me she would do so "if I have time." I 2 asked her to call me back with an answer as soon as 3 possible. I waited until 6:00 PM and since I had not vet 4 received a call from Ms. Dinish, I called the BellSouth 5 business office again and asked another representative if 6 an order had been placed to disconnect the billing from 7 Supra's account. The second representative verified that 8 the order had been placed, gave me an order number, and stated that the effective bill date was changed to January 9 10 17, 1998. The effective bill date should have been January 11 14, 1998, since that is the date the service was 12 transferred back to BellSouth. I have never received any 13 call back from Ms. Dinish.

14 Supra has a continuing problem with BellSouth causing 15 extreme delays in processing our orders. A Supra customer 16 called our Customer Service Office on April 1, 1998, and 17 requested that his existing telephone service be moved to 18 his new apartment. I completed the necessary five forms 19 (which takes 45 minutes because it must be done manually) 20 and faxed them to the BellSouth LCSC at 6:10 PM. See 21 exhibit BH-14 attached hereto which consists of all of the 22 documentation related to this service request. On the 23 paperwork, I requested a due date of April 3, 1998. I 24 received the Firm Order Confirmation at 10:25 AM on April 3, 1998, with a new date of April 7, 1998. BellSouth 25 26 acknowledged that the order was error free. BellSouth

1 changed the due date without consulting with us.

2 Furthermore, on April 3, 1998, I called the representative 3 who processed our order and asked why it would take seven days to complete a move order. She replied that the due 4 5 date was the best they could do. In addition, she told me 6 that she was not supposed to process our order because the form arrived on their fax machine in the "Portrait" rather 7 8 than the "Landscape" format, but as a favor to us, she 9 completed the order anyway. Needless to say, our customer 10 has moved to his new location and will not have telephone 11 service until April 7, 1998. If our customer has an 12 emergency, he will not be able to reach the proper 13 agencies.

14 When the BellSouth team was here in March 1998 to 15 train us on ordering, I asked how to reserve telephone 16 numbers for Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) service. RCF 17 service is very popular in South Florida. The service allows, for example, a Palm Beach customer to have a Miami 18 19 telephone number. When the caller dials the Miami number, 20 the call is forwarded to the Palm Beach customer's Palm 21 Beach telephone number. The problem is that in order to reserve a telephone number, you must validate the address 22 23 in RSAG via LENS. Since RCF service utilizes a phantom 24 address, the address cannot pass the RSAG verification. 25 The BellSouth team did not know the answer to my question, 26 and suggested that the only way to validate the address

would be to know the address of the central office that 1 2 would service the RCF number and use the central office's address to reserve the number. This would be an impossible 3 4 task, since we do not have all of the addresses for all of 5 the BellSouth central offices in all nine states. The 6 BellSouth team promised to get back to us with a better 7 answer. As of April 5, 1998, they have not responded. 8 Supra has lost numerous sales because we could not order 9 RCF in parity with BellSouth.

10 When the Bellsouth team was at Supra during March 11 1998, they explained that BellSouth's repair personnel 12 cannot enter a Supra customer's premises to repair an inside wire problem even if requested to by the customer. 13 14 The BellSouth team stated that because the customer is a 15 Supra customer and not a BellSouth customer, BellSouth must obtain Supra's authorization to enter the customer's 16 17 premises. Even though Supra is reselling BellSouth's 18 repair service and inside wire maintenance plan, BellSouth 19 is stating that when a Supra customer reports a trouble, 20 they cannot effectively repair the trouble because Supra is 21 not on the premises to give consent to their entering the 22 customer's premises. This is so, BellSouth claims, even 23 after Supra has called in to report the trouble for Supra's 24 customer.

None of this makes sense. We have called BellSouth's
 repair office for our end users. BellSouth's repair

1 personnel visit the customer's premises and then tell the 2 customer that BellSouth cannot repair the service. It is 3 apparent that BellSouth is treating our customers as if they are branch locations of a large business account. 4 In 5 such an arrangement, the headquarters office would make any 6 decisions regarding the telephone service. BellSouth fails 7 to recognize, even at this late date, that Supra is reselling Bellsouth's service. Supra is paying BellSouth 8 9 to provide service and BellSouth is obligated to service 10 our customers just as they are obligated to service their 11 own customers. The upshot of all of this is that BellSouth 12 has merely to tell a Supra customer who has reported a 13 trouble that BellSouth cannot fix the trouble because the 14 customer is a Supra customer and BellSouth wins back 15 another account. This is an outrageously successful anti-16 competitive tactic.

17 The last several incidents that I have spoken of 18 occurred in March and the beginning of this month of April 19 1998. These incidents have been repeated over and over and 20 over since Supra began its operations as an ALEC reselling 21 BellSouth's service.

The above incidents also point out perhaps the most critical problem Supra has with BellSouth. This is the fact that Supra must manually complete Local Service Requests and all other orders to BellSouth. Although Supra has access to LENS, LENS is extremely limited in its

capabilities. Supra cannot utilize LENS to do orders to 1 service existing Supra accounts. BellSouth has not 2 provided any reason for this limitation. LENS does not 3 provide prompts for the numerous USOC codes, feature 4 details, service and customer information requirements for 5 6 entering the most basic Local Service Request or any other 7 type of service request. This is in direct contrast to 8 BellSouth's retail ordering systems which provide BellSouth's customer service representatives with an 9 10 electronic ordering system that has access to all customer information and provides prompts for all critical 11 12 information. This permits BellSouth customer service 13 representatives, with little or no experience, with the 14 ability to completely fill out and process a customer service order in ten minutes or less. Errors are 15 16 practically eliminated because the BellSouth electronic ordering system will not permit an order from a customer 17 18 service representative to post if an error is present. Whereas Supra has struggled to fill out its orders 19 manually. It takes 45 minutes of concentrated effort to 20 21 fill out a basic local service request. This is absolutely understandable given the fact that Supra must fill in at 22 least six pages of forms for each local service request 23 24 which consists of codes for all items, at least 150 25 separate entries. Supra must look up the codes in the handbooks provided by BellSouth. These code handbooks are 26

1 rife with errors. When this was communicated to BellSouth, 2 they simply acknowledged that there are errors in the 3 handbooks. When BellSouth's customer service 4 representatives receive Supra's manual orders and find any 5 error whatsoever, they state that they have been instructed 6 not to correct these errors or instruct Supra how to 7 correct them, but they refer Supra back to the handbooks to 8 find the correct codes for whatever the error might be.

9 When Supra submits an order that does have an error, 10 Supra will not learn of the error before the 48 hours 11 minimum time for BellSouth to process the order. Then 12 Supra will receive a "clarification" form from BellSouth 13 stating what the error is and requiring a corrected local 14 service request. Then the correction must be made manually 15 and resubmitted once again. Another 48 hours will pass 16 before processing the order or notifying Supra of any 17 further error. It is common practice for BellSouth to 18 report one error at a time to Supra. It is impossible for 19 Supra to provide reliable, timely service with this type of 20 ordering and processing arrangement.

The customers Supra has lost due to BellSouth's failure to execute timely and effective repairs remain upset at Supra. We have lost many accounts due to repair problems. These customers do not realize that it is the same company that could not fix problems when the customers were Supra customers that could fix them promptly when they

were again BellSouth customers. Given the chronology of
 these cases, one can certainly see the attraction in going
 back to BellSouth when the customer is told that there are
 problems because "it's a reseller account."

5 It is inappropriate for BellSouth to offer to switch a 6 customer back in order to more quickly effect repairs. It 7 is inappropriate for BellSouth to receive 611 calls for 8 Supra customers and treat them as sales leads by attempting 9 to convert the customer back to BellSouth.

10 It is very difficult to describe the frustration and 11 discouragement caused Supra by all of the problems with 12 BellSouth. Supra has taken no step in any direction that 13 has not been fraught with endless difficulties from 14 BellSouth.

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ISSUE NO. 5: HAS BELLSOUTH PROVIDED ADEQUATE WRITTEN 16 RULES, REGULATIONS, CODES, INSTRUCTIONS, DESCRIPTIONS OF 17 18 PROCEDURES, OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS, TECHNICAL GUIDANCE, 19 AND ACTUAL SUPPORT SERVICE, OR MADE ANY MODIFICATIONS OF PROCEDURES, IF NECESSARY, IN TIMELY FASHION, TO PERMIT 20 21 SUPRA TO UNDERSTAND AND UTILIZE EFFECTIVELY BELLSOUTH'S 22 PROCEDURES FOR BILLING, ORDERING, PROVISIONING, 23 INSTALLATION, REPAIR, ETC., THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO SUPRA'S 24 ABILITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE ON PARITY WITH 25 **BELLSOUTH?** 

27 A. I attended a Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS)

training class put on by BellSouth for ALECs. Because I have worked for many years in the telecommunications industry and specifically within the Bell System, I had questions I wanted answered that were based on my knowledge of provisioning local telephone service. These questions were:

7 1) How do I find the customer's previous "customer8 code"?

9 With the previous customer code, we are able to view
10 the customer's service record. The previous records are
11 essential for us to verify customers' billing addresses,
12 service features, installation dates, etc. The trainers,
13 Mr. and Mrs. Story, did not answer my questions. They were
14 just stone-faced. I could tell they knew the answer, but
15 would not or could not answer it.

2) Why is it not possible for Supra to order new
installation requests, which include jack installation
requests, in LENS?

The instructors said LENS does allow you to order 19 service with "jack request" however, whenever I place an 20 order, I get an error message: "refnum 0001 JK-POS 21 REOUIRED", i.e., jack position required. After several 22 attempts by the instructor, who received the same message, 23 I was told to just place those orders on "paper." The 24 instructors did not know how to place the order in LENS. 25 3) My third question was about how to change the 26

number of rings the calling party receives prior to the call going into the "Call Forwarding" mode. The instructor said "I'm not supposed to tell you, but since I know the answer, I'll give it to you."

It was apparent to me that the instructors were 5 uncomfortable with me in the class. I was an experienced 6 telephone worker and I knew the right questions to ask. 7 Their reluctance appeared to come from the fact that the 8 9 purpose of the training classes is not to help the resellers become successful, but rather that the class is 10 another avenue for BellSouth to sell something and to have 11 12 something to show the Florida Public Service Commission and 13 the FCC that BellSouth is helping to develop competition in 14 the local telephone service market.

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### 16 ISSUE NO. 10: HAS BELLSOUTH RESPONDED APPROPRIATELY TO 17 CONSUMER QUERIES REGARDING SUPRA?

A. As Customer Service Manager at Supra, I am aware of
over 30 calls from Supra customers who were coached into
calling our business office and asking us "Who will repair
my phone if it goes out of order?" See exhibit BH-2
attached hereto. This question is part of BellSouth's
tactic to install doubt in the customer's mind about the
quality of Supra's and other ALECs' networks.

The tactic of questioning the repair abilities of the ALEC is part of a program called "Call Them On It," a

1 coordinated effort of brochures and television spots 2 designed to prevent customers from changing from the RBOCs 3 to an ALEC. Composite exhibit BH-3 attached hereto 4 includes one of these brochures and some of the television 5 The brochure asserts that long distance companies spots. 6 will be "harassing you with an avalanche of confusing 7 offers" and that competition in the local market means "more annoying phone calls and more confusing offers." 8 9 Furthermore, there is an Internet web site sponsored by the 10 United States Telephone Association of which BellSouth is a member, www.callthemonit.com. See exhibit BH-4 attached 11 12 hereto. The web site is full of propaganda designed to 13 discourage consumers from selecting an ALEC for their local 14 telephone service.

Exhibit BH-5 attached hereto contains two customer
 letters reflecting problems Supra has had with BellSouth
 not timely provisioning service to Supra's customers.

Supra recently received a complaint from a customer 18 who called to say that he had had a problem with a 19 BellSouth repairman. This customer called to report a 20 problem with his bedroom telephone jack on March 18, 1998. 21 Supra reported the problem to the BellSouth repair office 22 quickly and we verified that the customer has the Inside 23 Wire Maintenance Plan. With this plan, the customer does 24 not have to pay for inside jack repairs. When the 25 BellSouth repairman arrived at the customer's residence, 26

1 the repairman told the customer that he would have to 2 charge to repair the jack because the customer "was no longer our [BellSouth's] customer." The customer turned 3 the repairman away and called Supra to find out what the 4 5 problem was. I called the BellSouth repair office and they 6 confirmed that the customer was not to be charged for 7 inside wire jack repairs. Furthermore, BellSouth confirmed 8 that the repairman was not to make any such statements. 9 BellSouth sent another repairman out to fix the problem on March 19, 1998. However, because of the problems getting 10 11 the jack fixed, the customer now wants to transfer his 12 service back to BellSouth.

13 Exhibit BH-6 contains a list of customers who were 14 told by BellSouth that BellSouth had never heard of Supra. 15 Exhibit BH-7 contains a list of customers who were told by 16 BellSouth employees to report Supra to the Florida Public Service Commission. Exhibit BH-8 contains a list of 17 customers who were told by BellSouth that Supra is 18 "unreliable." Exhibit BH-9 contains a list of customers 19 who were told they would lose their yellow pages 20 advertising if they stayed with Supra. Exhibit BH-10 21 contains a list of customers who were told by BellSouth 22 employees that they did not have to pay Supra's bill if 23 they disputed it. These exhibits do not contain the total 24 numbers of customers who reported to Supra that such 25 statements had been made to them by BellSouth, but they are 26

an effort to reflect at least some of the customers who
 have made these statements to Supra.
 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
 A. Yes.

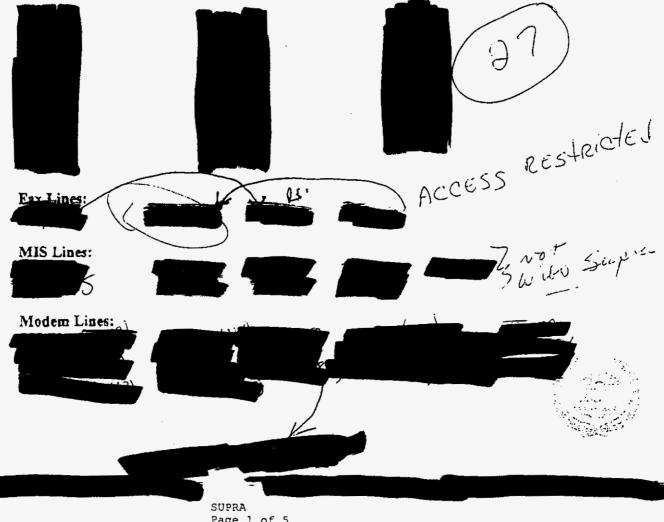
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March 9, 1998

Supra Telecoms & Information Systems, Inc. Att: Cicily 269 Giralda Avenue Suite 203 Coral Gables, FL 33134

As per our telephone conversation earlier today, the following are the numbers that need to be switched for local service only:



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I need these lines to be switched. However, I have received bills for the following numbers and these do not belong to the second secon



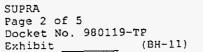
Hoping all your questions will be answered and the incorrect lines would be taken out of my account.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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2620 SW 27th Avenue Miami, FL 33133-3001 Phone: 305-476-4216 Fax: 305-441-9318

# **STIS Fax**

To:		From:	Bradford I. Hamilton	
Fax:		Date:	March 11, 1998	
Phon	e:	Pages	: 1	
Re:	Local Phone Numbers	CC:		
X Urg	ent D For Review C Reas	e Comment	Please Reply	Please Recycle
•Com	ments:			

I have investigated the following numbers:

I have werified with BellSouth that the lines were active and live at the time of transfer to STIS, Inc. You can call your account rep at BellSouth and confirm that the numbers were being billed to your former miscellaneous account number for the former of the place the order.

Sincerely, Mag Amu A Bradford I. Hamilton

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Supra Telecoms & Information Systems, Inc. Att: Mr. Brad Hamilton 269 Giralda Avenue Suite 203 Coral Gables, FL 33134

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

The following is a request to disconnect the lines that have not been switched over to BellSouth.

These are:

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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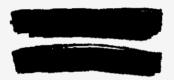
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-Comments: Dear LCSC:

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Bradford I. Hamilton Customer Service Specialist

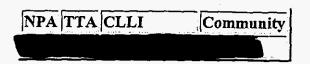
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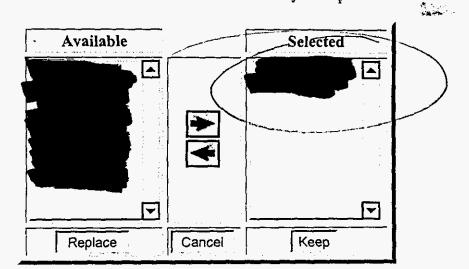
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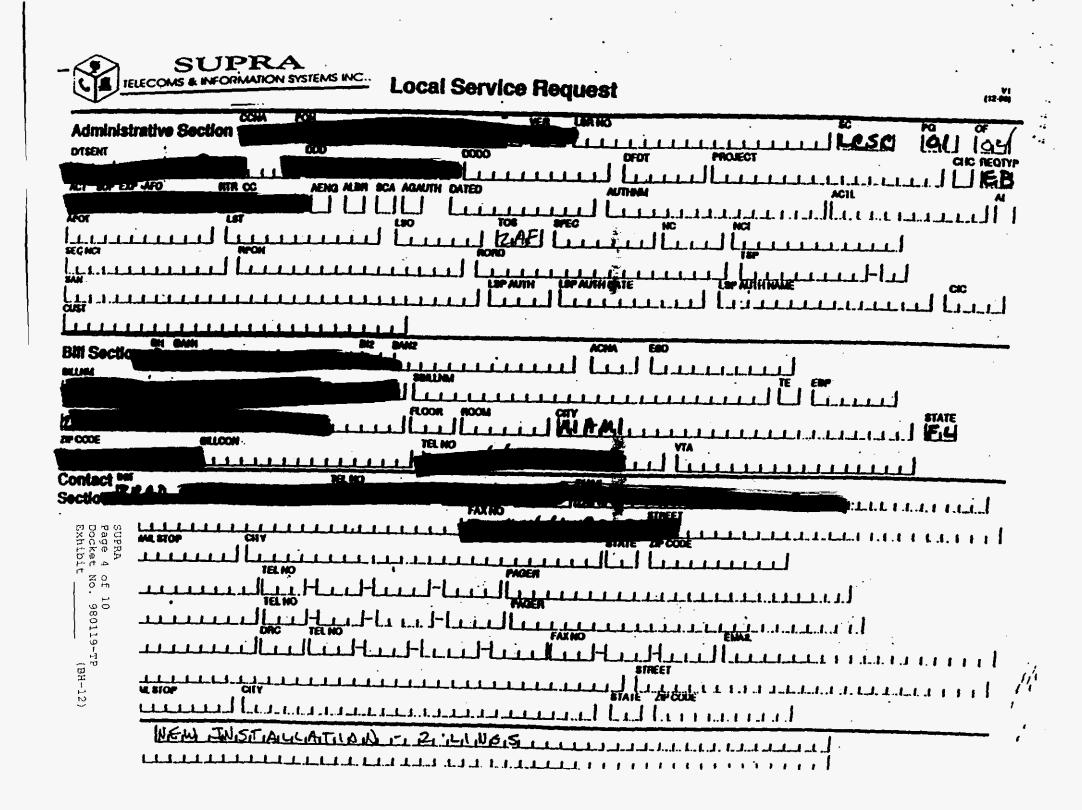
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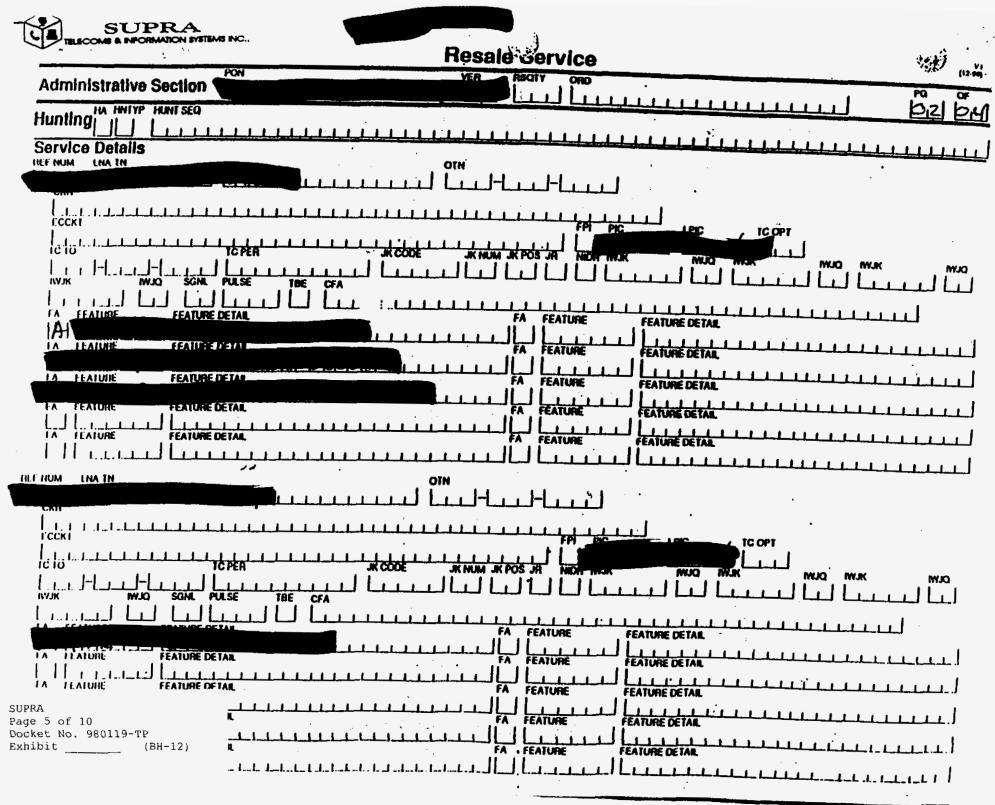
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#### BellSouth Telecommunications Clarification Request

DATE 03/11/98

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From Name:	lcsc	
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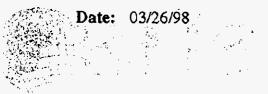
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#### BellSouth Telecommunications Clarification Request

#### DATE 03/13/1998

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From Name:	lcsc
Contact Number:	800-773-4970

RE: CLEC 7011,

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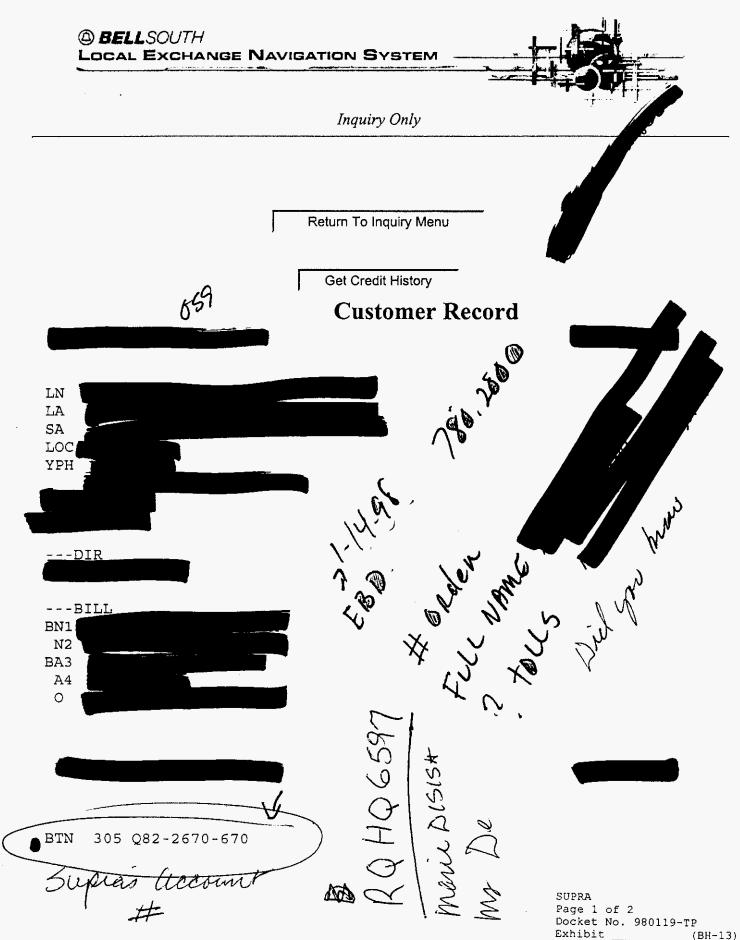
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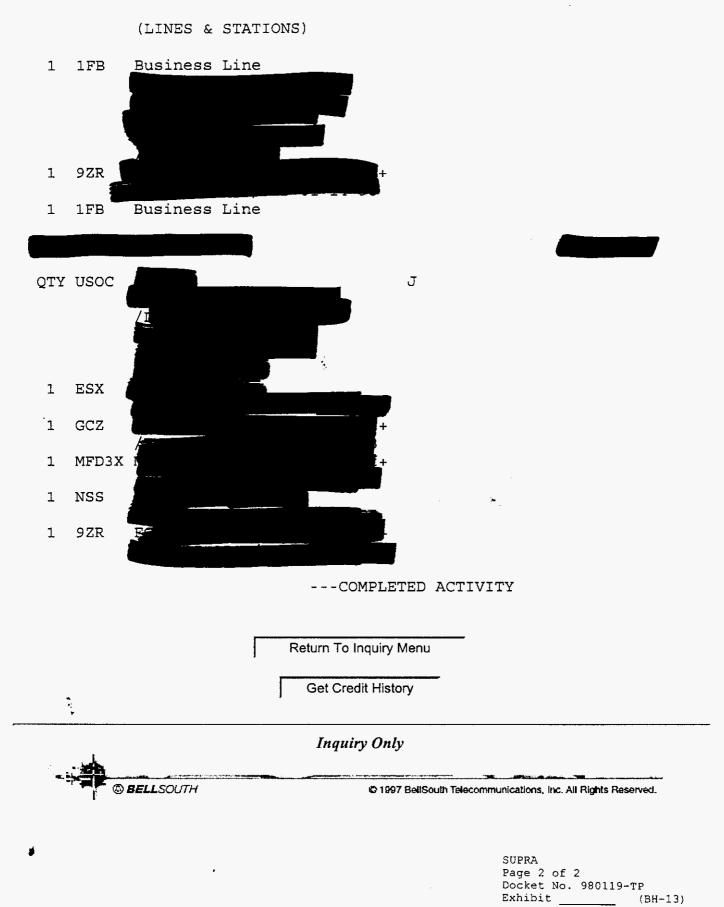


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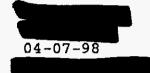
#### **BellSouth Interconnection Services**

**Date:** April 3, 1998

CLEC: OCN: CLEC Initiator:

supra 7011 b hamilton

PON: Order Number: Due Date: TN/CKT:



Firm Order Confirmation

BST Representative: therese cheatham BST Telephone: 800-773-4967 Remarks: please use proper 1sr form in the future-thanks

#### **TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL CONNECTED**

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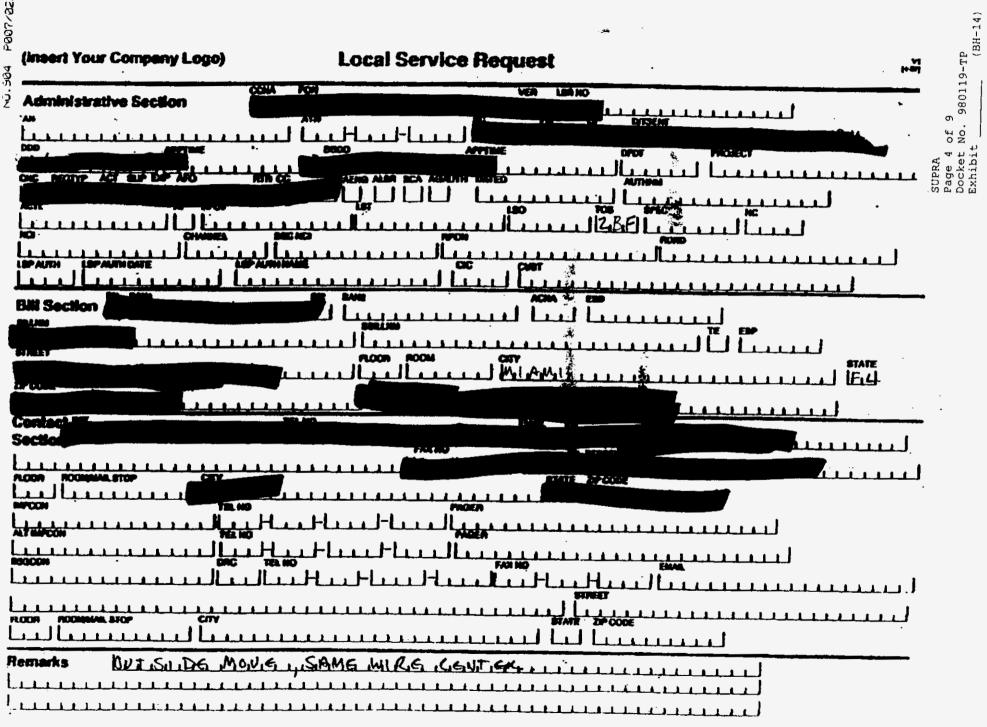
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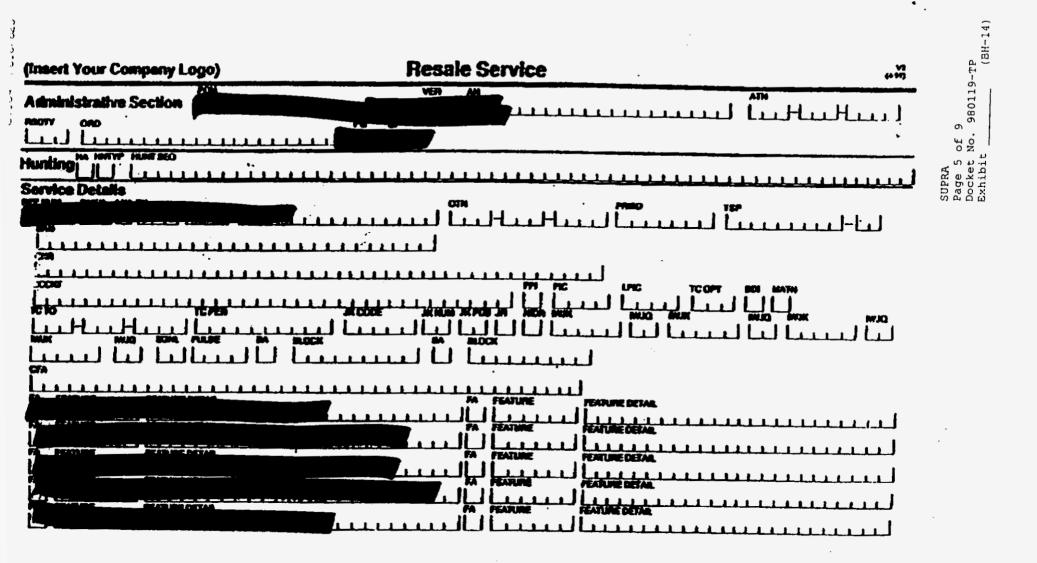
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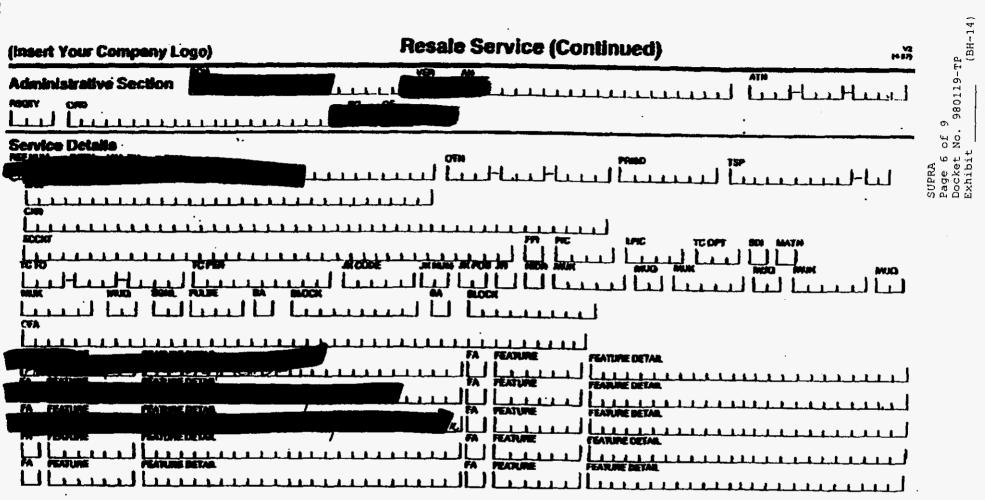
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