## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 991391

### PILGRIM TELEPHONE, INC.

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# <u>NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL</u> <u>WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND RESPONSE TO</u> <u>RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS.</u>

### BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.RESPONDENT

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Pilgrim Telephone, Inc. ("Pilgrim"), by counsel, hereby gives notice to the Florida Public Service Commission that it is withdrawing its Petition for Arbitration under § 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for the following reasons:

1. During an October 15, 1999 meeting with staff at the Florida Public Service Commission, Pilgrim and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") agreed mediate their dispute. The mediation is tentatively scheduled to be conducted on November 2, 1999 in Tallahassee, Florida. This mediation may resolve the differences between Pilgrim and BellSouth, making the Arbitration before the Commission a fruitless exercise. The mediation may also serve to narrow the issues between BellSouth and Pilgrim enabling a more narrowly tailored arbitration petition to be filed should that prove necessary.

In light of Pilgrims' Motion to Dismiss, Respondent's Motion to Dismiss is moot.

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WHEREFORE, Pilgrim respectfully tenders this notice to the Commission and expressly

reserves its right to file a new Petition for Arbitration in accordance with the Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of this Notice Of Withdrawal was served upon Nancy B. White, Museum Tower, 150 West Flagler Street, Suite 1910, Miami, FL, 33130, Counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 212 day of October, 1999.

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