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## Re: Docket No. 990332-TP (Worldlink)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion to Dismiss Complaint, which we ask that you file in the above-captioned matter.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Goggin

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 990332-TP

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

U.S. Mail this 31st day of March, 2000 to the following:

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint of Worldlink Long Distance Corp.

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Docket No. 990332-TPORIGINAL

Filed: March 31, 2000

## MOTION OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISMISS COMPLAINT

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), hereby files this Motion to Dismiss Rule 1.140, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, in response to Worldlink Long Distance Corp.'s ("Worldlink's") Complaint. BellSouth respectfully submits that the Complaint is not sufficiently specific to put BellSouth on notice as to the nature of Worldlink's claims. The Complaint includes statements of general dissatisfaction with BellSouth's service, but does not specifically identify any duty owed by BellSouth, under statute, rule or contract, that has been breached. Moreover, the comments in the complaint regarding BellSouth's service are too general to provide adequate notice to BellSouth of any specific allegations to which a response would be required. Thus, the Complaint simply fails to state a claim.

On April 8, 1999, BellSouth filed a Motion for More Definite Statement in this matter. Worldlink did not respond to this motion. On August 5, 1999, the Commission Staff issued a recommendation in favor of granting BellSouth's Motion. A representative of Worldlink appeared at the August 24, 1999 agenda conference at which the Staff's August 5 recommendation was considered and stated that he had filed, that day, a response to BellSouth's Motion. The

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Commission agreed to defer action on the recommendation pending consideration of Worldlink's response. To BellSouth's knowledge, Worldlink has not yet filed or served any direct response to BellSouth's Motion.

While it did not respond to BellSouth's Motion, Worldlink apparently did file some information regarding particular orders that had been submitted to BellSouth. Representatives of BellSouth agreed to meet with Staff and representatives of Worldlink to discuss these specific orders or other issues about which Worldlink might be concerned. BellSouth provided information to Staff and to Worldlink responding to the issues Worldlink raised in these meetings. Since that time, Worldlink has not communicated with counsel for BellSouth regarding those concerns or this Complaint.

To date, despite the passage of more than a year since the filing of its original Complaint, Worldlink still has not responded to the issues raised in BellSouth's Motion for More Definite Statement, nor has it requested leave to file an amended complaint to cure the defects in its original Complaint. Under the circumstances, the Commission should dismiss Worldlink's Complaint.

For the reasons stated above, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion to Dismiss.

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Respectfully submitted this 31st day of March, 2000.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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