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Re: Docket No. 000072-TP (e.spire Arbitration)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), and e.spire Communications, Inc. ("e.spire"), hereby respectfully request that the Commission grant the parties a 10-day extension of all applicable deadlines in the above-referenced docket. The parties believe that they have resolved all outstanding arbitration issues and thus that an arbitration will no longer be necessary. The parties are in the process of finalizing the documents to memorialize their agreement. As soon as such documents are executed, e.spire will dismiss the arbitration. Until such time as the arbitration is dismissed, however, the parties request an extension of deadlines to permit them time to finalize the resolution.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this 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,

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