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Re: Docket Nos. 000500-TP & 000501-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Rhythms Links Inc. are the original and fifteen copies of its Notice of Withdrawal of Arbitration Petition Against BellSouth.

By copy of this letter, these documents have been furnished to the parties on the attached service list.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition of Rhythms Links Inc. for an Expedited Arbitration Award Implementing Line Sharing with GTE Florida Incorporated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
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In re: Petition of Rhythms Links Inc. for an Expedited Arbitration Award Implementing Line Sharing with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
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) Docket No. 000501-TP
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**RHYTHMS LINKS INC.
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF
ARBITRATION PETITION AGAINST BELLSOUTH**

RHYTHMS LINKS INC. (Rhythms) hereby gives notice of withdrawal of its petition for arbitration with BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. (BellSouth) regarding line sharing. Rhythms and BellSouth have entered into an amendment to their interconnection agreement which addresses the provision of line sharing. BellSouth will be filing that amendment with the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the near future.

While Rhythms does not believe that the amendment properly reflects all of BellSouth's obligations to provide Rhythms with line sharing, the agreement by BellSouth to this amendment has led Rhythms to withdraw its arbitration petition at this time. Therefore, this Notice of Withdrawal is without prejudice to Rhythms' right to petition the Commission to address line sharing issues at a future date, including but not

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limited to Rhythms' right to petition the Commission to initiate a generic proceeding to establish TELRIC-based rates for line sharing or to seek arbitration of line sharing issues in connection with negotiating or arbitrating a follow-up interconnection agreement to the agreement currently in place between Rhythms and BellSouth.

WHEREFORE, Rhythms requests that the Commission enter its order acknowledging Rhythms' withdrawal, without prejudice, of its petition for arbitration of line sharing issues with BellSouth and closing Docket No. 000501-TP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 31th day of May, 2000.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by U.S. Mail or Hand Delivery (*) this 31st day of May, 2000.

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