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**RE: Docket No. 001305-TP (Supra)**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Opposition to Supra's Motion to Defer Agenda Item No. 27 Docket No. 001305-TP or in the Alternative Request for Oral Argument, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

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 on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

  
T. Michael Twomey  
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Enclosures

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Docket No. 001305-TP**


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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**


In re: Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection )	
Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, )	Docket No. 001305-TP
Inc. and Supra Telecommunications & Information )	
System, Inc., Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the )	Filed: February 15, 2002
Telecommunications Act of 1996. )	
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**BELLSOUTH'S OPPOSITION TO SUPRA'S MOTION  
TO DEFER AGENDA ITEM NO. 27 DOCKET NO. 001305-TP  
OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**


BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") opposes Supra Telecommunications & Information Systems, Inc.'s ("Supra") motion to defer a decision on the Commission Staff's recommendation in this matter or to otherwise allow for further briefing of Issue 1 of the arbitration. With its latest filing, Supra has once again demonstrated its preference for delay over resolution, confusion over clarity, and inflammatory rhetoric over reasoned analysis. Supra has attempted to manufacture a procedural issue where none legitimately exists. There is no legitimate reason to defer the Commission's resolution of this arbitration proceeding, which has been pending for over one and one-half years. In addition, for the reasons set forth in BellSouth's Opposition to Supra's Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Authority filed on February 1, 2002, the recent Eleventh Circuit's decision is of no consequence and is irrelevant to the determination of Issue 1.<sup>1</sup> Wherefore, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission deny the motion and proceed with its consideration of this matter at the February 19, 2002 Agenda.

Respectfully submitted, this 15th day of February, 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> If the Commission grants *Supra*'s request for additional briefing of this issue, BellSouth will further expand and provide additional arguments as to why the Eleventh Circuit's decision is of no consequence to the instant arbitration.