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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 Renewed Motion for Indefinite Stay of Docket No. 001305-TP, and in the Alternative Renewed Motion for Oral Arguments, 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, Mancy B. White Nancy B. White

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record Marshall M. Criser III R. Douglas Lackey

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection ) Docket No. 001305-TP Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, ) Inc. and Supra Telecommunications & Information ) System, Inc., Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the ) Telecommunications Act of 1996. ) Filed: February 22, 2002

## BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S OPPOSITION TO SUPRA'S RENEWED MOTION FOR INDEFINITE STAY OF DOCKET NO. 001305-TP AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE RENEWED MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENTS

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") opposes Supra Telecommunications and Information Systems, Inc.'s ("Supra") so-called "Renewed" Motion for Indefinite Stay of Docket No. 001305-TP and In the Alternative "Renewed" Motion for Oral Arguments. Supra's "Renewed" Motion is not allowed by Commission order, is a sham pleading, and is an outrageous and baseless waste of the Commission's energy and resources. The Commission should reject the Motion in its entirety and proceed with a decision on the merits.

1. On February 13, 2002, in the above captioned docket, Supra filed a

Motion to Defer Agenda Item No. 27, Docket No. 001305-TP, or in the Alternative, Request for Oral Argument. On February 15, 2002, the Prehearing Officer issued Order No. PSC-02-0202-PCO-TP allowing each party to file a single legal brief (not to exceed ten pages) to address the impact of the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit's decision in <u>BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. v. MCImetro Access</u> <u>Transmission Services, Inc., et al</u>, 2002 U.S. App. Lexis 373 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002), on Issue 1 of this docket. Both Supra and BellSouth filed briefs on February 19, 2002 pursuant to the order. On February 18, 2002, Supra filed a Motion for Rehearing, Motion for the Appointment of a Special Master, Motion for Indefinite Deferral, and Motion for Oral Argument. BellSouth filed its response on February 20, 2002. On February 21, 2002, Supra filed the instant motion.

2. Supra's motion should be rejected. First, Supra contends that its motion is made to comply with Rule 25-22.058(1), Florida Administrative Code and to demonstrate why oral argument would aid the Commission. Nothing, however, could be further from the truth. Supra's motion is nothing more than a reply brief camouflaged as a motion. Supra is merely using the excuse of a motion to file additional argument in flagrant disregard of the express provisions of the Prehearing Officer's Order. Supra continues to operate as though this forum were a field upon which Supra can play whatever procedural games it chooses to initiate. BellSouth will not be sucked into the Supra whirlpool of ceaseless filings and counter filings. Suffice it to say that BellSouth disagrees with Supra's rebuttal of BellSouth's argument.

3. If, by any stretch of the imagination, Supra's motion could be considered to be a true request for oral argument, it is untimely. Under Rule 25-22.058(1), Florida Administrative Code, the original request for oral argument should contain the statement of particularity as to why oral argument would aid the Commission and should be filed with the pleading upon which argument is requested. Obviously, Supra does not believe the arguments made in its February 13, and February 19, 2002 motions are sufficient if it is driven to file such a spurious pleading as its "renewed" motion.

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4. Second, Supra labels its Motion as "Renewed". Quite frankly, the undersigned is confused as to how a motion that has not yet been decided can be "renewed". Webster's New World College Dictionary (4<sup>th</sup> Edition 2001) defines "renew" as to "take up again" and "to revive". Supra's original motion filed on February 13, 2002 has not been voted on by the Commission and neither has the, in parts, identical motion filed by Supra on February 19, 2002. Therefore, it is impossible to take up again or to revive a motion that is still extant.

5. Third, Supra has interposed this "motion" solely for purposes of harassment and delay in contravention of Section 120.595, Florida Statutes. Consider that in the space of seven days, Supra has filed three motions all containing similar arguments, and all in an attempt to prevent this Commission from voting on a staff recommendation on an arbitration of a new interconnection agreement. Supra has falsely and basely accused the Commission Staff and BellSouth of misconduct all for the purposes of harassment and delay. In no event should Supra be rewarded for such tactics.

BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission reject Supra's "Renewed" Motion.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of February, 2002.

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