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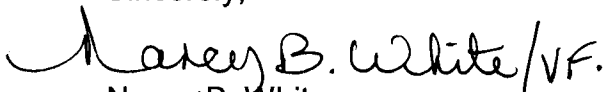
**Re: Docket No. 050257-TL: Complaint by BellSouth  
Telecommunications, Inc., Regarding the Operation of a  
Telecommunications Company by Miami-Dade County in Violation of  
Florida Statutes and Commission Rules**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth  
Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion to Strike Miami-Dade's Reply to BellSouth's  
Opposition, 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 to the parties  
shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy B. White

cc: All Parties of Record  
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**Docket No. 050257-TP**

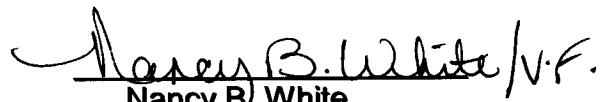
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Complaint by BellSouth Tele- ) Docket No. 050257-TL  
Communications, Inc., Regarding )  
The Operation of a Telecommunications )  
Company by Miami-Dade County in )  
Violation of Florida Statutes and )  
Commission Rules )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) Dated: July 20, 2005

**MOTION TO STRIKE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S REPLY  
TO BELLSOUTH'S OPPOSITION**

Miami-Dade County ("Miami-Dade") is quickly establishing a pattern of violating the procedural Rules of the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in much the same fashion as Miami-Dade has violated the substantive Rules which led to this proceeding. Specifically, after Miami-Dade filed its Answer and Affirmative Defenses in this matter on May 24, 2005, it filed on June 1 – in violation of Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code – an untimely Motion to Dismiss BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth's") Complaint. On June 17, 2005, BellSouth filed its Opposition to this Motion.

For the second time in six weeks, Miami-Dade has scorned the Rules by filing an unauthorized reply to BellSouth's Opposition on July 11, 2005.<sup>1</sup> The Commission should strike Miami-Dade's reply because replies are not permitted under the Uniform Rules of the Administrative Procedure Act except under limited circumstances wherein a motion allowing leave to reply is granted. Miami-Dade has not moved the Commission for permission to file a reply.

<sup>1</sup> Rule 28-106.204(2), Florida Administrative Code requires a motion to dismiss to be filed no later than twenty (20) days after service of the petition on a party. Miami-Dade's untimely filing of the motion to dismiss was its first violation of the procedural Rules of this Commission.

The rules provide that once a motion is filed, a party can file an opposition within seven days of service. Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code. The rule does not expressly authorize reply memorandums. See *In re: Complaint of Supra Telecommunications and Information Systems, Inc. against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for violations of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Order No. PSC-00-1777-PCO-TP, Docket No. 980119-TP (Sept. 28, 2000) at 3 (“neither the Uniform Rules nor [the Commission’s] rules contemplate a reply to a response to a Motion.”); *In re: Petition for approval to revise customer contact protocol by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*, Order No. PSC-04-0636-FOF-TL, Docket No. 031038-TL (July 1, 2004) at 4 (“the Uniform Rules of the Administrative Procedure Act do not expressly authorize replies.”); *In re: Investigation into the establishment of operations support systems permanent performance measures for incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies*, Order No. PSC-04-0511-PAA-TP, Docket No. 000121A-TP (May 19, 2004) at 2 (“we do not have rules which allow for a Reply to a Response”); and *In re: Implementation of requirements arising from Federal Communications Commission’s triennial UNE review: Local Circuit Switching for Mass Market Customers*, PSC-04-0343-FOF-TP, Docket No. 030851-TP (April 2, 2004) at 2 (“our rules do not contemplate any pleadings filed in reply to a response to a motion”). Because reply memoranda are not expressly authorized, a party must seek leave before filing a reply. However, the Commission generally refuses to allow parties to file reply memoranda, even when leave is sought. See *id.*; see also, *In re: ITC—DeltaCom Communications, Inc.*, Order No. PSC-00-2233-FOF-TP, Docket No. 990750-TP, (Nov.

22. 2000) at 2; *In re: Okeechobee Generating Co., L.L.C.*, Order No. PSC-99-2438-PAA-EU, Docket No. 991462-EU, (Dec. 13, 1999) at 4-5.

Miami-Dade has neither sought nor received permission to file a reply in this docket (a footnote in its reply requesting leave is not sufficient).<sup>2</sup> Miami-Dade has provided no reasons whatsoever for this Commission to deviate from its general rule that reply memoranda are not permissible and no such justification exists, BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission strike Miami-Dade's reply.

Respectfully submitted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.

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<sup>2</sup> Rule 28-106.204(1), Florida Administrative Code provides that all "requests for relief shall be made by motion. All motions shall be in writing. . . and shall fully state the action requested and the grounds relied upon." Miami-Dade's footnote is clearly not a written motion per the Rules. Moreover, Miami-Dade's footnote fails to comply with Rule 28-106.204(3), which requires the movant to include "a statement that the movant has conferred with all other parties of record and shall state as to each party whether the party has any objection to the motion."