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DATE: JULY 10, 1998

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (BARRETT) *meb*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (BROWN) *meb*

RE: DOCKET NO. 980827-TL EMERGENCY PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO WAIVE REGULATED CHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENT CHARGES FOR SIXTY DAYS FOR EXISTING CUSTOMERS AFFECTED BY RECENT FIRES IN CENTRAL EAST COAST AREA BY BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

AGENDA: JULY 21, 1998 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\LEG\WP\980827-TL.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s (BellSouth) emergency request to waive the late payment charges for its customers affected by the recent fires in the central east coast area?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, the Commission should approve BellSouth's emergency request to waive the late payment charges for sixty days to existing BellSouth customers affected by the recent fires in the central east coast area. BellSouth should file a tariff reflecting the sixty (60) day waiver of late payment charges. The tariff should be filed within five (5) days of this Agenda to be approved administratively with an effective date of July 21, 1998. (**Barrett**)

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STAFF ANALYSIS: At the March 10, 1998 Agenda, the Commission authorized certain emergency waivers of charges to facilitate customers impacted by severe flooding. The procedures used in this recommendation are similar to those adopted by Order Nos. PSC-98-0394-FOF-TL (floods), PSC-95-1613-FOF-TP (Hurricane Opal), and PSC-92-0910-FOF-TL (Hurricane Andrew).

On July 7, 1998, BellSouth filed an emergency request to waive late payment charges for a period of sixty (60) days to existing BellSouth customers who have been affected by the recent fires in central Florida. BellSouth requests that the waiver apply to the Bunnell, Daytona, Flagler Beach, Palm Coast, Pierson, and Titusville exchanges.

Staff recommends that BellSouth's emergency request to waive the late payment charges for sixty days to existing customers affected by the recent fires in the central east coast area should be approved (Attachment A). BellSouth should file a tariff reflecting the sixty (60) day waiver of late payment charges. This tariff should be filed within five (5) days of this Agenda to be administratively approved with an effective date of July 21, 1998.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the tariff should become effective on July 21, 1998. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of the Order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed. (Brown)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the tariff should become effective on July 21, 1998. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of the Order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

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Nancy H. Sims
Director - Regulatory Relations

July 7, 1998

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo
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Subject: Docket 980827-TL
Emergency Petition for Authority
to Waive Regulated Charges

Dear Ms. Bayo:

With this letter, BellSouth is asking the Commission to grant us emergency authority to waive tariffed charges for late payment charges for a period of sixty days for those existing BellSouth customers who have been affected by the recent fires in the central east coast area.

This waiver will be for existing BellSouth customers in the following exchanges:

Bunnell (437, 440, 586, 930)

Daytona (212, 214, 217, 226, 238, 239, 248, 250, 252, 253, 254, 255, 257, 258, 274,
290, 295, 299, 304, 316, 322, 323, 334, 401, 405, 440, 441, 451, 512, 527, 528, 590,
615, 672, 673, 676, 677, 679, 691, 756, 760, 761, 767, 788, 820, 831, 846, 869, 903,
930, 947, 979, 989)

Flagler Beach (439, 440, 503, 517, 930)

Palm Coast (440, 445, 446, 447, 930)

Pierson (440, 749, 930)

Titusville (264, 267, 268, 269, 383, 440, 930)

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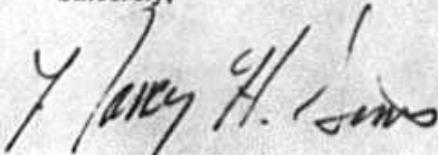
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This waiver would become effective with the next billing period for the individual existing BellSouth customer who has been displaced or severely impacted by the fires.

This type of waiver was also used after Hurricane Andrew (Docket No. 920868-TP) and Hurricane Opal (Docket No. 951197-TL).

Your immediate attention to this mater would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Wiley H. Sims".

Director - Regulatory

CC: Walter D'Haeseleer