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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 991947-TP; Petition for Arbitration by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. v. Florida Telephone Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

This letter is to formally advise the Florida Public Service Commission that BellSouth agrees to extend the statutory deadline for the Commission's decision under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. BellSouth understands that the Hearing in this case is currently set for May 17, 2000, and that the Commission's decision is expected to be in July, 2000.

By copy of this letter I am notifying Florida Telephone Services, Inc. of BellSouth's agreement to extend the statutory deadline for the Commission's decision in this proceeding.

Of course, should the Commission need anything further in connection with the above extension, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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