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April 16, 2004

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
Division of the Commission Clerk and
Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

<u>Docket No. 030300-TP (Petition of the Florida Public Telecommunications Association for Expedited Review of BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s Tariffs With Respect to Rates for Payphone Line Access, Usage, and Features)</u>

Dear Ms. Bayó:

BellSouth respectfully requests that the Commission take official notice of the attached decision from the Alabama Public Service Commission, which denied a claim for refunds sought by the Southern Public Communication Association and that was issued on April 13, 2004.

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,

Meredith Mays

Enclosure

CC:

Parties of Record Nancy White Lee Fordham

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via

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Complainant

and

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Defendant

<u>ORDER</u>

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 3, 2003, Southern Public Communication Association filed its Complaint against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. contending that BellSouth owes refunds for the period before it made a tariff filing reducing rates.

On February 4, 2004, BellSouth filed its Answer and Motion to Dismiss the Complaint. It contends the Commission lacks the ability to grant the relief requested by the Complainant; that relief is prohibited by the filed rate doctrine; and BellSouth has not waived its right to rely upon the tariff filing requirements.

On March 15, 2004, Southern Public Communication Association filed its Response in Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss. It contends a refund is mandated by

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federal law. Also, the Commission has discretion to exercise its equitable rate making power to force BellSouth to comply with §276 through the issuance of refunds.

It appears, and we find, that the reasoning of BellSouth's Motion to Dismiss is very compelling and the Motion is due to be granted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That the Complaint filed by Southern Public Communication Association against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. is hereby dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama this

day of April, 2004.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jim Sullivan, President

Jan Cook, Commissioner

George V. Wallace, Jr., Commissioner

ATTEST: A True Copy

Walter L. Thomas, Jr., Secretary