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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

BellSouth, pursuant to Rule 28-106.106 of the Florida Administrative Code, hereby seeks leave of the presiding officer for the undersigned counsel to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of BellSouth for any purpose and in all matters or proceedings conducted before the Commission in connection with the above captioned docket.

Undersigned counsel, being first duly sworn, states that:

Undersigned counsel is currently employed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., as General Counsel-Florida at the above address and telephone number.

Undersigned counsel possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent BellSouth's interests in this matter.

Undersigned counsel is an attorney admitted to practice, and a member in good standing of the States of Louisiana, Bar No. 14493, Alabama, Bar No. 245-98-6962, and Georgia, Bar No. 753635; has practiced extensively before this and other utility regulatory agencies or authorities; has knowledge of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction; has knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil

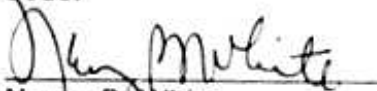
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Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; has knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues in this matter; and has knowledge of and compliance with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code.


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Affirmed and subscribed before me this 16th day of February, 1999.


Notary Public

cc: Prehearing Officer



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