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Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

Re:

Docket No.991838-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 15 copies of:

 BlueStar Networks, Inc.'s Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative.

Yours truly,

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copies enclosed herein and return them to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Vicki Gordon Kaufman

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re:

Petition for Arbitration of BlueStar Networks, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 991838-TP

Filed: February 21, 2000

REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION BY A QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE

BlueStar Networks, Inc. (BlueStar), through its undersigned counsel, submits its Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, in the above-referenced proceeding, and states as follows:

- 1. BlueStar is a certified alternative local exchange carrier and provides service in the state of Florida. BlueStar is located at 401 Church Street, 24th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.
- 2. Any pleading, motion, notice, order or other document required to be served upon the petitioner or filed by any party relative to this Request for Representation should be served upon the following individuals:

Vicki Gordon Kaufman McWhirter, Reeves, McGlothin, Davidson Decker, Kaufman, Arnold & Steen, P. A. 117 South Gadsden Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 222-2526 (telephone) (850) 222-5606 (fax)

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- 3. This petition is filed pursuant to Rule 28-106-106, Florida Administrative Code. Rule 28-106.106(2)(a) requires that BlueStar submit a written request to the presiding officer in the event that BlueStar elects to be represented before the Commission by a qualified representative. Bluestar hereby submits such a request.
- 4. Bluestar seeks leave of the presiding officer for the individual identified below to appear as a qualified representative on behalf of BlueStar for any purpose and in all matters or proceedings conducted before the Commission in connection with Docket Nos. 981834-TP and 990321-ATP.

Michael B. Bressman Associate General Counsel BlueStar Networks, Inc. 401 Church Street, 24th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37219 (615) 346-6660 (telephone) (615) 346-3875 (fax)

5. Consistent with Rule 25-106.106(2)(b), BlueStar hereby affirms that it is aware of the services Mr. Bressman can provide and further, that BlueStar can elect to be represented solely by "counsel," as that term is defined by Rule 28-106.106(1). Indeed, BlueStar has elected to be represented in this matter by other attorneys in addition to Mr. Bressman.

- 6. BlueStar submits that Mr. Bressman possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent BlueStar's interests in this matter. In this regard, Mr. Bressman's qualifications are set forth in the attached affidavit.
- 7. As reflected in Mr. Bressman's affidavit, he: (i) is an attorney admitted to practice in Tennessee, Georgia, and the District of Columbia; (ii) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction, (iii) has reviewed the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding; and (iv) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes related to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding.
- 8. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.107, Mr. Bressman has acquired or will acquire actual knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as his representation of BlueStar I concerned in the above-referenced proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, BlueStar Networks, Inc. requests that Mr. Bressman be permitted to appear as qualified representative on behalf of BlueStar Networks, Inc.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL B. BRESSMAN

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON)

- I, Michael B. Bressman, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am Associate General Counsel with BlueStar Networks, Inc., 401 Church Street, 24th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.
- 2. I am a member in good standing of the Bars of Tennessee, the District of Columbia and Georgia and am seeking to be designated as a qualified representative in the above-captioned docket pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. I have served as Associate General Counsel to BlueStar Networks, Inc. in proceedings before state commissions. Moreover, as an attorney in private practice, I have represented other companies in proceedings before other state commissions.

4. I am familiar with the relevant portions of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Florida Administrative Code, and the Florida Rules of Evidence.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct based on my knowledge, information, and belief.

Michael B. Bressman

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 18th day of
February, 2000 by Michael B. Bressman, who (X) is personally known to
me: or () who has presented _______ as
identification.

Notary Public, State of Tennessea

County of __/____

My Commission expires: Wareh 24, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Representation by a Qualified Representative has been furnished by (*) hand delivery or by U.S. mail to the following parties of record this 21st day of February, 2000:

(*) Donna Clemons Florida Public Service Commission Staff Attorney 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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