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**Re: Docket No. 040443-TL
Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. for the Opening
Of a Docket to Establish a New Performance Assessment Plan**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Withdrawal of Petition, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket No. 040443-TL

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of BellSouth) Docket No.: 040443-TL
Telecommunications, Inc. for the)
Opening of a Docket to Establish a)
New Performance Assessment Plan.) Filed: June 24, 2004

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION**

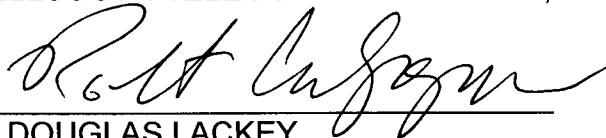
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereby withdraws its Petition and states the following:

1. On May 12, 2004, BellSouth filed its Petition for the Establishment of a New Performance Assessment Plan in the captioned docket.

2. In light of Commission's Notice in Docket No. 000121A-TP, advising that the Commission will commence a new six-month review workshop in August 2004 to discuss proposed changes to BellSouth's Performance Assessment Plan, BellSouth is hereby withdrawing, without prejudice, BellSouth's Petition in this docket. BellSouth's withdrawal is based on the expectation that the new six-month review will adequately address and resolve (or recommend appropriate resolutions) in a timely manner the concerns raised in the Petition BellSouth filed in this docket on May 12, 2004.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of June, 2004.

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