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

Re: Docket No. 040520-TP

In the Petition that initiated the above docket, the Florida Competitive Carriers Association ("FCCA"), AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC ("AT&T"), and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc. (collectively "MCI") asked the Commission to take action on an emergency basis to require BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Verizon Florida, Inc. ("Verizon") to continue to honor their obligations under existing interconnection agreements.

In response to an inquiry from Staff, this letter will advise that, based on the representations of BellSouth and Verizon that they intend to adhere to the terms of their agreements in the near term, the Petitioners do not object to the issuance of an order temporarily holding this docket in abeyance pending the issuance of the FCC's interim unbundling rules, provided the Commission remains prepared to act on the Petition swiftly if warranted by developments related to the interim rules, changes in the posture of the ILECs, or other circumstances.

Yours truly, s/Joseph A. McGlothlin

cc: Adam Teitzman Parties of record+