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July 26, 1996

Via Federal Express

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re:

Consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Entry Into InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 Docket No. 960786-TL

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing is an original and fifteen (15) copies of the Petition to Intervene of Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. in the above-referenced docket.

Please date stamp the extra copy, and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Also enclosed is a computer disk formatted in WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows containing the enclosed document.

ACK	If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.
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BEFORE THE

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications,)	
Inc.'s entry into interLATA services pursuant		Docket No. 960786-TL
to Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications		Filed: July 27, 1996
Act of 1996		
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PETITION TO INTERVENE OF METROPOLITAN FIBER SYSTEMS OF FLORIDA, INC.

Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc., through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-22.039, files this Petition to Intervene in the above captioned proceeding and states as follows:

Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. ("MFS-FL") is a certificated
 Alternative Local Exchange Carrier and certificated Alternative Access Vendor. The address of MFS-FL is:

Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. 8830 N.W. 18th Terrace, America's Gateway Center Miami, FL 33172

2. The individuals to notify in this proceeding are:

Timothy Devine
MFS Communications Company, Inc.
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- 3. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.("BellSouth") has applied, pursuant to section 271(d)(1) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for authorization to provide interLATA services originating in Florida. Section 272(d)(2)(B) of this act requires the FCC to consult with the Florida Public Service Commission prior to making any determination on BellSouth's application. Consequently, under this proceeding, the Florida Public Service Commission will make a recommendation to the FCC either to approve or to deny BellSouth's application.
- 4. As a certificated Alternative Local Exchange Carrier and a certificated Alternative Access Vendor, MFS-FL has substantial interests which will be directly affected by both the Florida Public Service Commission's recommendation and the FCC's subsequent decision.

WHEREFORE, Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. respectfully requests that

it be allowed to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dated: July 26, 1996

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 26th day of July, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene of Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. was served, via first-class mail, on the following parties:

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