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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Docket No. 961153-TL
Petition for numbering plan area relief for 904 area
code by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and
15 copies of the Motion to Accept Late Filed Prehearing Statement
on behalf of St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunica-
tions, Florida Telecommunications and Quincy Telephone Company.
Copies have been provided to parties shown on the Certificate of
Service.

Sincerely,

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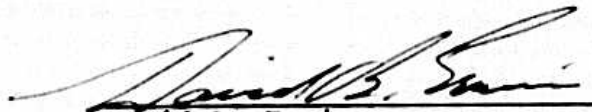
MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE FILED PREHEARING STATEMENT

St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunications, Florala Telecommunications and Quincy Telephone Company move that the Commission accept the Prehearing Statement of St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunications, Florala Telecommunications and the Prehearing Statement of Quincy Telephone Company, each of which has been filed of even date herewith.

Pursuant to Order PSC-96-1324-PCO-TL, the Prehearing Statements were due on November 22, 1996. On that date, and the two previous days, counsel for the above companies was out of town and unable to timely file the Prehearing Statement.

No disadvantage will be visited upon any party by the late filing, since testimony on behalf of each of the companies was filed on November 1, 1996, and since the testimony set forth the positions of each of the companies exactly as set forth in the Prehearing Statements.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent by U.S. Mail or hand delivery to the following parties of record, this 26th day of November, 1996.

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