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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commissions
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Washington, D. C. 20554

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RE: Petition filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Petition, NSD-L 96-7 and public notice number DA 96-1190, CC Docket No. 96-159, which was released July 26, 1996.

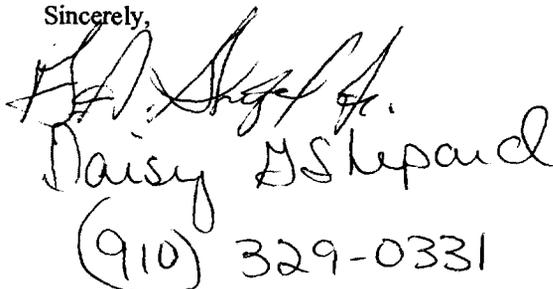
Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter is requestiong that the Federal Communications Commission allow BellSouth to expand their local calling service in the Wilmington exchange, and a portion of the Scotts Hill exchange in the Wilmington LATA, and the Holly Ridge exchange in the Rocky Mountain LATA.

This service is needed due to the fact that we use the Wilmington exchange to call various doctors, businesses and family. The Regional Medical Center is located in Wilmington. This hospital is the most widely used by the people in our area.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Sincerely,


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