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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 222  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: CC Docket No. 98-121

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to inform you that Kathy Blake, Robert Blau, Gay Dilz, Al Varner and the undersigned, all of BellSouth Corporation, participated in a videoconference with Commission staff on August 26, 1998. Austin Schlick of Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd & Evans participated by telephone in the meeting. The following Common Carrier Bureau staff members attended some or all of this conference: Jonathan Askin; Bill Bailey; Neil Fried; Linda Kinney; Edward Krachmer; Jason Oxman; and Claudia Pabo.

On July 9, 1998, BellSouth had filed an application for authority to provide in-region, interLATA telecommunications in Louisiana. As part of that application BellSouth had to demonstrate its compliance with each of the checklist items listed in Section 271 (c)(2)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The purpose of today's meeting was to discuss BellSouth's efforts to show such compliance. During the meeting we discussed the terms and conditions governing BellSouth's offering to itself and competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) of nondiscriminatory access to poles, ducts and conduits. We also discussed the extent to which CLECs can electronically order unbundled network elements and combinations of such elements. BellSouth clarified its position on "pick and choose" and the extent to which it is paying reciprocal compensation to CLECs in Louisiana. BellSouth also clarified the terms and conditions under which a CSA is available to customers other than the one for which the CSA was originally designed. Citing to the brief and supporting affidavits accompanying its July 9 application, BellSouth described how it would provide unbundled loops in areas served by IDLC facilities and how it provided XDSL compatible loops. We also discussed the methods used to provide and terms and conditions governing

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our offering of interim local number portability and BellSouth's progress in implementing permanent local number portability in Louisiana.

As required by Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, we are filing two copies of this notice and ask that you associate this notification with the proceeding identified above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen B. Levitz".

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Vice President – Federal Regulatory

cc: Jonathan Askin      William Bailey      Neil Fried  
Linda Kinney      Edward Krachmer      Jason Oxman  
Claudia Pabo