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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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| In the Matter of  | ) |                      |
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| Federal State Joint Board on<br>Universal Service                     | ) | CC Docket No. 96-45  |
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| Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost<br>Support for Non-Rural LECs | ) | CC Docket No. 97-160 |
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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

BellSouth Corporation ("BellSouth") hereby requests to withdraw its petition for reconsideration, filed on December 18, 1998, of the Commission's *Fifth Report and Order*<sup>1</sup> in the above referenced proceeding.

On December 18, 1998, BellSouth filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the *Fifth Report and Order* in the Commission's universal service proceeding. BellSouth's petition related to the model platform that had been adopted by the Commission. Subsequent events, however, have resolved BellSouth's concerns and BellSouth no longer believes it is necessary for the Commission to address its petition. Accordingly, BellSouth requests to withdraw its petition.

<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs, CC Docket No. 97-160, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, Fifth Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 14915 (1998) ("Fifth Report and Order").*

Respectfully submitted,

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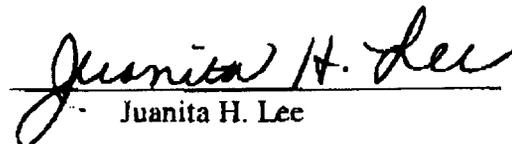
Date: June 19, 2001

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I do hereby certify that I have this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001 served the following parties to this action with a copy of the foregoing **REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION** by hand delivery, or by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, addressed to the parties listed below.

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