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Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Re: Application by BellSouth Corporation for Provision of In-Region,
InterLATA Services in Georgia and Louisiana
Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation; CC Docket 01-277

Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 14, 2001, Michael Duke of KMC Telecom and the undersigned, representing KMC Telecom, met with Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, Monica Desai, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, and Matthew Brill, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy, to discuss KMC Telecom's opposition to the above referenced application of BellSouth. KMC Telecom (KMC) discussed the importance of UNE loops to its facilities-based strategy, and identified the deficiencies in BellSouth's application relative to loop provisioning, loop maintenance, number portability, 911 and directory listings, the third party test and anti-competitive activities.

KMC discussed the fact that BellSouth fails to meet many installation appointments, due in part to its failure to perform facilities checks prior to issuance of supposedly firm order commitments. KMC also pointed out that BellSouth fails to make facilities available on a non-discriminatory basis, highlighted by the fact that BellSouth's competitors faced five times more jeopardy conditions for high-capacity loops than BellSouth retail in Georgia during September, 2001.

This notice is being filed in conformance with the Commission's rules. Please file this notice with the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

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Should you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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