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WRITTEN EX PARTE

Mr. William Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-35

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter contains responses to specific information requests from the Wireline Competition Bureau staff reviewing BellSouth's pending 271 Application for Georgia and Louisiana.

KPMG Report

KPMG had found our flow through performance to be accurate and independently verifiable. Staff asked if BellSouth could identify a citation in the KPMG Flow Through Evaluation Final Report, OSS-Exhibit 79 of BellSouth's Application filed on October 2, 2001, that indicates the percentage of flow-through on which KPMG based this conclusion. In response, BellSouth would refer the staff to Exhibit OSS-79, p.25, n.7, which finds performance at the level of 92.56% for October and 93.11% for November.

Circuit Identification Numbers on Firm Order Confirmations (FOCs)

The staff has asked BellSouth to describe the success of, or any problems with, the implementation of the February 2, 2002 fix for including circuit identification numbers on FOCs. In response BellSouth confirms that this defect was corrected in release 10.3.1 on February 2, 2002, and BellSouth's subsequent testing confirmed that the fix is working in production. BellSouth has received no further complaints from KMC or any other CLEC about this issue.

Changes to the Louisiana SQM

The staff asked whether the new Order Completion Interval ("OCI") disaggregation for EELs proposed in the workshops held by the Georgia Public Service Commission would also be applied to Louisiana data and, if so, when this would occur. In the LPSC's six-month review, BellSouth will propose that the new OCI disaggregation for EELs be included in the LA SQM. Whether it is included, of course, lies solely within that Commission's discretion. We anticipate that the LPSC's six-month review will end in summer 2002. If the LPSC does conclude that this new disaggregation should be part of the LA SQM, it will be added by the date set for compliance with the new SQM.

Conversion-related Loss of Dial Tone

The staff asked for the percentage of UNE-P requests from January and February that had possible conversion-related problems resulting in a loss of dial tone. The percentage of such UNE-P requests for January is 0.26% (197 out of 74,802), while the percentage for February is 0.17% (138 out of 83,098).

In accordance with Section 1.1206, I am filing two copies of this notice and the accompanying attachments and request that you please place them in the record of the proceeding identified above.

Sincerely,



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