On December 16, 2002, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) filed its Petition and Proposed Changes to the Service Quality Measurements Plan (SQMP) and Self-Effectuating Enforcement Mechanism (SEEM) (collectively, the Kentucky Performance Plan) adopted in Kentucky.

BellSouth has identified several recommended changes to the current Kentucky Performance Plan and claims the proposed changes, in general, are consistent with those ordered by the Georgia Public Service Commission. However, BellSouth also acknowledges that its proposal to this Commission includes revisions proposed in its Motion for Reconsideration that were recently considered, and rejected, by the Georgia Public Service Commission (Georgia Commission) in its November 14, 2002 and January 22, 2003 Orders.

BellSouth has recommended that the P-13 Local Number Portability (LNP) Disconnect Timeliness measurement be eliminated and replaced with three new LNP measurements. BellSouth asserts that these three metrics more accurately measure BellSouth's performance. However, BellSouth has not presented a means to deal with
the penalties imposed under prior standards but held in abeyance pursuant to the Commission’s October 19, 2001 Order.

The Commission Staff requests that BellSouth file additional information clarifying the differences between BellSouth’s proposed Kentucky Performance Plan and the Performance Plan implemented by the Georgia Commission. The Commission Staff also requests that BellSouth submit a proposal for addressing the penalties that relate to failures to meet the P-13 LNP Disconnect Timeliness measurement and that have been held in abeyance as required by the October 19, 2001 Order.

One original and 8 copies of the following information should, therefore, be filed on or before September 10, 2003, with a copy to all parties of record:

1. Identify the specific elements of the proposed Kentucky Performance Plan that have not been adopted by the Georgia Commission.
   a. Explain in detail why these elements are appropriate for the proposed Kentucky Performance Plan. Include in your answer reasons why, though the elements are inappropriate for Georgia, they are appropriate for Kentucky.
   b. If any of these elements are pending review by the Georgia Commission, describe the process established by the Georgia Commission for considering these issues and discuss their current status.

2. Provide a plan and any supporting rationale for resolving the penalties held in abeyance for P-13 LNP Disconnect Timeliness. Include a detailed accounting of
both Tier 1 and Tier 2 penalties held in abeyance and list, at a minimum, the periods (i.e., dates) of occurrence, payees and dollar amounts.

DATED August 8, 2003

cc: All Parties

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