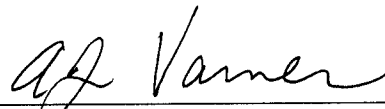


STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared Alphonso J. Varner, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., being by me first duly sworn deposed and said that:

He is appearing as a witness before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in "Investigation Concerning the Propriety of InterLATA Services by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996," KY PSC Case No. 2001-105, and if present before the Commission and duly sworn, his testimony would be set forth in the annexed transcript consisting of 2 pages and 1 exhibit(s).



Alphonso J. Varner

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this
9th day of JULY, 2001.



NOTARY PUBLIC

MICHEALE F. HOLCOMB
Notary Public, Douglas County, Georgia
My Commission Expires November 3, 2001