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Re:

Petition to Convene a Contested Case Proceeding to Establish "Permanent Prices" for Interconnection and Unbundled Network Elements

Docket No. 97-01262

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is to confirm that, following discussions with the Staff, BellSouth will need an additional two weeks (until August 1, 2000) to respond to the data request dated July 10, 2000. We appreciate the Staff's cooperation in allowing us the additional time to respond.

July 18, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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