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MEMORANDUM

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FROM:

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July 12, 1990

RE:

Docket No. 891194-TI

Attached please find a response that I would like placed in the Commission's file in the above referenced case number.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In re: Proposed tariff filings by SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY clarifying when a nonpublished number can be disclosed and introducing Caller 1D to TouchStar Service.

Docket No. 891194-TI Filed: June 1, 1990

OFFICE OF STATEWIDE PROSECUTION'S RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR HEARINGS

COMES NOW, the Office of Statewide Prosecution, by and through the undersigned and files this Response to the Public Counsel's Request for Hearings on Southern Bell's proposed tariff filing introducing Caller ID Service and changing the circumstances under which a nonpublished number may be disclosed. In support of this response the Office of Statewide Prosecution alleges:

- 1. Institution of caller identification service to the general public represents a near insurmountable obstacle to law enforcement's ability to strike at organized criminal activity. Ongoing criminal investigations will be undermined and future investigations obstructed by this service.
- 2. Caller Identification represents a threat to the safety of all law enforcement officers who work in an undercover capacity. This extends equally to the families of police officers so assigned. Caller Identification further represents a threat to the safety of every confidential source (civilians) utilized by law enforcement to gather information about criminal activity.

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- 3. The substantial interests of the law enforcement community are adversely impacted by Southern Bell's request in that it fundamentally alters the manner in which undercover investigations can be conducted, if at all.
- The issues identified by the Public Counsel in his request for hearing should be resolved by the Commission prior to granting Southern Bell's request. As currently cast, Florida's wiretap statute carefully regulates interception οf all communication. The Legislature has granted providers of telephone service a narrow exception for the Caller Identification service. Public Service Commission should not The allow provider exploitation of this generous exception by undermining the substantial interests of users of telephone services particularly those who are charged with the protection of the public.
- 5. Caller Identification service, without universal blocking, is an unacceptable obstacle to effective long term criminal investigations. Any proposal that extracts a fee for call blocking represents an unfair and oppressive tax that would be borne by police agencies and taxpayers who underwrite police protection.

WHEREFORE, the Office of Statewide Prosecution requests that the Public Service Commission grant the Public Counsel's request for hearing on Southern Bell's caller identification proposal.

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