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Mr. Gerald Gunter Public Service Commission 101 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Commissioner Gunter:

Enclosed is a copy of my request for a formal evidentiary hearing concerning the matter of Caller Identification devices. I believe that the question is one of great importance to the citizenry of Florida and I urge you to give it careful consideration.

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Attorney General

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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 ID to TouchStar Service

Docket No. 891194-TI Filed: June 7, 1990

REQUEST FOR HEARINGS

Pursuant to Chapters 120 and 164, Fla. Stat., undersigned, Attorney General Robert A. Butterworth, requests this Commission hold a formal evidentiary proceeding under \$120.57(1), Fla. Stat., on Southern Bell's tariff filing introducing "Caller Identification" service (Caller ID) and changing the circumstances when a nonpublished number can be disclosed. In support of this request, the following is asserted:

Commission and the people of the State of Florida with questions of first impression that impact upon a variety of public and societal concerns. Included among these concerns are the right to individual privacy as outlined in Art. I, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., the statutory right to electronic communication privacy set forth in Chapter 934, Fla. Stat., and potential impact upon the law enforcement agencies of this state including the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the various county sheriffs and other local law enforcement agencies. It is respectfully suggested that this Commission not decide to either approve or

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disapprove the tariff outlined above until detailed and exhaustive fact-finding is completed on these important issues.

reviewed the decision Cf. the Undersigned has Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in the case of Barasch v. Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, et al., No. 2371C.D., May 30, 1990, in which the Pennsylvania Court of Appeals declared that a similar Caller ID program violated both the Pennsylvania state constitution privacy guarantee and Pennsylvania's Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. §3 5701-5781. Undersigned is concerned that the questions addressed specific fact-finding given in Pennsylvania require similarity between Pennsylvania and Florida law. Undersigned is also concerned that the strong statement affirming personal Constitution Florida rights outlined in the significantly impact upon this Commission's ability to allow Southern Bell the opportunity to increase its tariff and provide the service. For example, Shaktman v. State, 553 So.2d 148 (Fla. 1989), holds that the use of "pen register" or other telephonic strict constitutional subject to surveillance devices are Without detailed fact-finding, this scrutiny in Florida. Commission will not be in a posture to determine what impact the constitutional right to privacy may have on this decision. merits notice that the Pennsylvania decision was reached only after fact-finding proceedings were held by an administrative law judge.

- 3. Lastly, undersigned is gravely concerned with the possible negative impact that Caller ID systems might have upon law enforcement activity. As chief law enforcement officer of the State of Florida, undersigned joins the resolutions and statements provided to the Commission by the various sheriffs and police chiefs which indicate that application of a Caller ID system would significantly hamper legitimate law enforcement efforts.
- Undersigned would also urge this Court careful'y consider the request presented by public counsel and the Florida Medical Association because they appear to raise other extremely important concerns which can only be fully developed after a fact-finding procedure.

Wherefore, the Attorney General respectfully requests the Commission hold hearings to further detail the exact nature of the Caller ID program and its potential impact upon individual privacy rights and law enforcement tactics prior to any decision approving or disapproving the tariff request.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the fore-going has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following list of people, this 13-14 day of July, 1990.

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