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Mr. Steve C. Tribble
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RE: <u>Docket Nos. 910163-TL and 910727-TL</u>

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Response and Objections to Staff's Thirty-Seventh Request for Production of Documents. Please file this document in the above-captioned docket.

ACK A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the originals were filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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| In re: Investigation into SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S Compliance with Rule 25-4.110(2), F.A.C., Rebates |) | Docket No. 910727-TL |
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SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS TO STAFF'S THIRTY-SEVENTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

COMES NOW BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell" or "Company"), and pursuant to Rule 25-22.034 Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 1.350, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, files its Response and Objections to Staff's Thirty-Seventh Request for Production of Documents dated September 27, 1993.

GENERAL RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS

1. Southern Bell objects to Staff's definition of "you" and "your" as well as the definition of "BellSouth." It appears that Staff, through its definition of these words, is attempting to obtain discovery of information in the possession, custody, or control of entities that are not parties to this docket.

Requests for Production may be directed only to parties, and any attempt by Staff to obtain discovery from non-parties should be prohibited. See Rule 1.340, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure;

Broward v. Kerr, 454 So. 2d 1068 (4th D.C.A. 1984).

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- 2. With regard to Staff's definition of "document" or "documents", Southern Bell has made a diligent, good faith attempt to locate documents responsive to the scope of Staff's individual requests for documents.
- 3. Southern Bell objects to Staff's definition of "relating to." Staff's definition of this term is overly broad and objectionable in that under Staff's definition, a document "relating to" a given subject could literally mean any document mentioning the subject in any way, shape, or form. Clearly, such an overly broad and unduly burdensome qualification for testing the responsiveness of documents in the context of discovery is improper and would cause the production of unnecessary, unrelated and irrelevant documents.
- 4. Southern Bell objects to Staff's suggestion that this request for production of documents is continuing in nature. A party who responds to a request for discovery with a response that is complete when made is under no duty to supplement such response thereafter to include information later acquired.

 Rule 1.280(e), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Consequently, Staff's request that this discovery be continuing in nature is improper and therefore objectionable.
- 5. The following Specific Responses are given subject to the above-stated General Response and Objections.

SPECIFIC RESPONSES

6. With respect to Request No. 1, pursuant to an agreement with Staff, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control at its Tallahassee

offices for initial review by Staff. If after its initial review Staff desires copies of any of these documents, Southern Bell will provide such documents with the confidential customer specific information redacted, consistent with past practices and agreements with Staff.

7. With respect to Request No. 2, Southern Bell states that this request is not applicable. All responsive documents have been produced.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of November, 1993.

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