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Re: Resolution of Petition to Establish Non-Discriminatory Rates, Terms and Conditions for Interconnection Involving Local Exchange Companies and Alternative Local Exchange Companies Pursuant to Section 364.162, Florida Statutes; Docket No. 950985-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Response of AT&T Commuications of the Southern States, Inc. to Time Warner and FCTA's Motions for Reconsideration. Please also find enclosed a 3.5" diskette formatted for WordPerfect 5.1 containing another copy of the Response.

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# RESPONSE OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC. TO TIME WARNER AND FCTA'S MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.060(1)(b), Fla. Admin. Code, files its response to the Motions for Reconsideration filed by Time Warner AxS of Florida, L.P and Digital Media Partners ("Time Warner") and the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association ("FCTA") and states:

1. The Motions for Reconsideration filed by Time Warner and FCTA argue essentially the same points. Therefore, in the interest of economy, AT&T will address both Motions in this response.

2. The purpose of a motion to reconsider is to bring to the attention of the Commission some material and relevant point of fact or law which was overlooked, or which it failed to consider when it rendered the order in the first instance. <u>In Re: Intermedia Communications of Florida, Inc.</u>, Florida Public Service Commission Order No. PSC-95-1188-FOF-TP (September 21, 1995)(citing <u>Diamond Cab Co. v. King</u> 146 So. 2d 889 (Fla. 1962)). Thus, the burden is upon Time Warner and FCTA to demonstrate that the Commission has overlooked a particular point of fact or law that requires reconsideration. <u>In Re: Investigation into Florida Public Service</u>

<u>Commission Jurisdiction Over Southern States Utilities, Inc. in</u> <u>Florida</u>, Florida Public Service Commission Order No. PSC-94-1040-FOF-WS (August 24, 1995). A review of the record suggests that the issues raised by Time Warner and FCTA do not meet this standard and, therefore, the Motions for Reconsideration should be denied.

The essence of the Motions is the disparate treatment 3. given different ALECs in two Commission orders. The first order approved a stipulation between BellSouth and several ALECs pursuant to Section 364.162(2), Florida Statutes (1995). Order Approving Agreement, Florida Public Service Commission Order No. PSC-96-0082-AS-TP (January 17, 1996) ("Stipulation"). The second order set rates, terms and conditions of interconnection between BellSouth and other ALECs not a party to the Stipulation. Final Order Establishing Nondiscriminatory Rates, Terms and Conditions for Local Interconnection Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc., Florida Public Service Commission Order No. PSC-96-0445-FOF-TP (March 29, 1996) ("Final Order"). Time Warner and FCTA contend that because the Stipulation and Final Order impose different requirements on petitioning ALECs the Final Order is discriminatory in violation of Section 364.162, Florida Statutes (1995). Time Warner and FCTA are correct in stating that the Stipulation and Final Order impose different conditions for interconnection on those ALECs signing the Stipulation than those that went to hearing. However, those different conditions do not result in discriminatory treatment of any particular ALEC. Therefore the Motions for Reconsideration

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should be denied. As BellSouth and the parties to the Stipulation pointed out the Stipulation is a comprehensive "all or nothing" type agreement covering not only interconnection but universal service, local number portability and unbundling/resale. Merely because the interconnection terms adopted by the Commission differ from those contained in the Stipulation does not mean that the parties to the Stipulation have been discriminated against. Indeed, the rate proposed by BellSouth in this proceeding, albiet a higher rate, was different from the rate provided for in the Stipulation. The parties cannot have it both ways.

364.162, Florida 4. Section Statutes contemplates negotiated agreements between a LEC and an ALEC concerning the rates, terms and conditions of interconnection. That is exactly what BellSouth and Time Warner (plus other ALECs) did in entering the Stipulation. Other parties, failing to reach agreement on some or all of the issues, sought the Commission's arbitration to establish the terms of interconnection. Section 364.162(2), Florida Statutes. Time Warner cannot now complain that it doesn't like the Stipulation it voluntarily entered into because the Final Order appears more favorable, or vice versa. That choice was made when Time Warner elected to sign the Stipulation.

5. Adopting Time Warner and FCTA's construction of Section 364.162 would render an absurd result. The first times rates, terms and conditions of interconnection are set by the Commission, either via approval of a negotiated agreement or by arbitration, would then govern any subsequent agreement or arbitration

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proceedings. However, there would be no additional proceedings because the could be no variance from the first order. Had the Legislature intended that there be just one meaningful hearing to set rates, terms and conditions of interconnection then it would have said so. Instead the plain language of the statute contemplates several individual sets of negotiations or arbitration hearings between specific parties. The Commission is correctly implementing the legislative mandate of the statute and should not alter that course as Time Warner and FCTA request.

6. The only way Time Warner and, presumably, FCTA can actually suffer injury from the differing content of the terms, conditions of interconnection contained in rates and the Stipulation and the Final Order is if they cannot avail themselves of either set of terms, rates and conditions. Such is not the The Commission has determined in both instances that Bell case. South shall file tariffs consistent with the Stipulation and Final Order. Any party can avail itself of a tariff filed and approved by the Commission. Thus there can be no discriminatory impact merely because of the existence of a disparate Stipulation and Final Order.

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