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RE: Docket No. 960786-TL

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth's Response and Objections to AT&T's First Interrogatories. We ask that this be filed in the captioned matter.

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

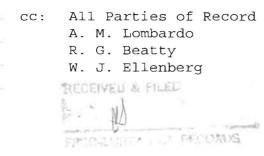
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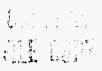
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Consideration of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s entry into interLATA services pursuant to Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No. 960786-TL

Filed: August 22, 1997

BELLSOUTH'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS TO AT&T'S FIRST INTERROGATORIES

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth"), hereby files its responses and objections to the First Interrogatories of AT&T and states the following:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

<u>General Objection Number One</u>: BellSouth objects to Interrogatory Nos. 1-9, 14, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 in that they are unduly burdensome, overbroad, and call for disclosure of information that is not relevant, nor calculated to lead to discoverable evidence.

The above-referenced Interrogatories can only be answered by reviewing every Order received from any CLEC by BellSouth during the last seven months in the entire nine state region in which BellSouth provides service. This would involve reviewing approximately eight thousand Orders. To answer these interrogatories, it would be necessary, after reviewing these Orders, to analyze each one and provide responsive information. To answer many of these would

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DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE D 8 5 2 6 AUG 22 5 FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING require a separate analysis for each of several sub-parts. Moreover, these interrogatories would require BellSouth to then separate out the Orders that relate to Florida and perform the same (in many instances, multi-part) analysis. Inasmuch as these Orders are not currently maintained on a state-by-state basis, this would require the additional task of sorting through the approximately eight thousand Orders to locate the ones that relate to Florida. In light of the foregoing, this process is, without question, unduly burdensome.

Moreover, this extremely burdensome task of locating and reviewing voluminous documentation would have to be performed by those personnel working in, or supporting the functions of, the BellSouth operations that are currently dedicated to providing service on a timely basis to ALECs. Given the scope and the magnitude of the requests and the timeframe in which AT&T has demanded a response, these personnel would have to virtually abandon all of the functions to which they are dedicated in order to answer these requests. This request, therefore, is not only burdensome, but patently unreasonable given the circumstances.

<u>General Objection Number Two</u>: BellSouth objects to answering each of the above-mentioned interrogatories as well as interrogatory Nos. 10, 11, 15, 23, 24 and 32 to the extent that they require the disclosure of information that is not related to Florida. As set forth previously in BellSouth's general objection filed on August 18, 1997, the pertinent issues in this case relate to whether the fourteen point checklist has been met in <u>Florida</u>. The status of BellSouth's

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efforts to serve ALECs in other portions of its region are not properly at issue. Given the lack of relevance of this portion of the discovery, combined with its extreme burdensome nature, BellSouth should not be required to produce any responsive information as states to other than Florida.

BellSouth has been unable in the time provided to finalize its responses to the interrogatories to which it has not objected, but will do so at the earliest opportunity. Accordingly, responses will be provided that contain Florida specific information to interrogatory numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 32 and 34. These will be provided as early as possible in the week beginning Monday, August 25, 1997.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of August, 1997.

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