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Re: Docket Nos. 980946-TL, 980947-TL, 980948-TL,

981011-TL, 981012-TL and 981250-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and 15 copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Objections to Sprint Communications Company Limited's First Request for Production of Documents. Please file this document 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.

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Physical collocation requirements set forth)	
In the 1996 Telecommunications Act and) Docket No. 981250-T	Ľ
The FCC's First Report and Order, for the)	
Lake Mary Main Central Office, by)	
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) Date: March 29, 199	9
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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S OBJECTIONS TO SPRINT'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth" or "Company"), hereby files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.034 and 25-22.035, Florida Administrative Code, and Rules 1.340 and 1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the following Objections to Sprint Communications Company Limited's ("Sprint") First Request for Production of Documents to BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. ("BellSouth").

The objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the 10-day requirement set forth in the procedural order issued by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned docket. Should additional grounds for objection be discovered as BellSouth prepares its answers to the above-referenced Request for Production of Documents, BellSouth reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time it serves its answers. Moreover, should BellSouth determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the requested information, BellSouth reserves the right to file a

motion with the Commission seeking such an order at the time that it serves its answers.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

BellSouth makes the following General Objections to Sprint's First

Request for Production of Documents which will be incorporated by reference into BellSouth's specific answers when they are served on Sprint.

- 1. BellSouth objects to the requests for production of documents to the extent they seek to impose an obligation on BellSouth to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such requests are overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules.
- 2. BellSouth objects to the requests for production of documents to the extent they are intended to apply to matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. BellSouth objects to such requests for production of documents as being irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.
- 3. BellSouth objects to each and every request for production of documents and instruction to the extent that such request for production of documents or instruction calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.
- 4. BellSouth objects to each and every request for production of documents insofar as the request for production of documents is vague,

ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of these requests. Any answers provided by BellSouth in response to these requests for production of documents will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

- 5. BellSouth objects to each and every request for production of documents insofar as the request for production of documents is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action. BellSouth will attempt to note each instance where this objection applies.
- 6. BellSouth objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission.
- 7. BellSouth objects to each and every request for production of documents to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes.

 BellSouth also objects to each and every request for production that would require the disclosure of customer specific information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by Section 364.24, Florida Statutes. To the extent that Sprint requests proprietary information that is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege or to Florida Statutes Section 364.24, BellSouth will make such information available to Sprint at a mutually agreeable time and place upon the execution of a confidentiality agreement.

- 8. BellSouth objects to Sprint's discovery requests, instructions and definitions, insofar as they seek to impose obligations on BellSouth that exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida Law.
- 9. BellSouth objects to each and every request for production of documents, insofar as they are unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.
- different locations in Florida and in other states. In the course of its business, BellSouth creates countless documents that are not subject to Florida Public Service Commission or FCC retention of records requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations that are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every document has been identified in response to these requests for production of documents. BellSouth will conduct a search of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information. To the extent that the requests for production of documents purport to require more, BellSouth objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of March, 1999.

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