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Re: Docket No. 010774-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC, MCI WorldCom, and the Florida Competitive Carriers Association are an original and fifteen copies of their Response to the Comments of the American Association of Retired Persons in the above referenced docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely yours,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

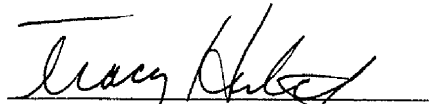
In re: Petition of the Citizens of the State)
of Florida to initiate rulemaking which will)
require telephone companies to give)
customers reasonable notice before)
customers incur higher charges or change)
in services, and allow them to evaluate)
offers for service from competing)
alternative providers.)
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Docket No. 010774-TP
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**RESPONSE OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, LLC,
MCI WORLDCOM, AND THE FLORIDA COMPETITIVE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION
TO THE COMMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**

On October 10, 2002, by Order No. PSC-02-1409-NOR-TP, the Florida Public Service Commission issued its Notice of Rulemaking in the instant proceeding. This Notice was the culmination of more than one year of workshops, discussions and negotiations among the parties regarding the Commission's proposed rulemaking regarding notice to be provided to customers. On November 8, 2002, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) filed comments on the proposed rule. On November 18, 2002, Verizon Florida, Inc., Verizon Long Distance, and Verizon Select Services, Inc. (collectively "Verizon") filed a response to AARP's comments. AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC (AT&T), MCI WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom) and the Florida Competitive Carriers Associates (FCCA) concur in and adopt the comments filed by Verizon. For all the reasons noted by Verizon, AT&T, WorldCom and the FCCA urge the Commission to reject the rule changes suggested by AARP.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of 2002.



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