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Dear Mr. Butterworth:

It has come to our attention that your office may have some concerns with respect to ongoing parallel investigations of our two agencies. Notwithstanding our statutory responsibilities and obligations, we in no way want to impede or frustrate either investigation. We currently have depositions scheduled of certain Southern Bell employees on April 10-12, 1991. It is our understanding that members of your staff have requested the Office of Public Counsel delay these depositions.

A current procedural schedule for resolution of our investigation has been established with the final hearing set for August 13-15, 1991. Delays in discovery could prevent the hearing from being completed as scheduled. However, this agency is always willing to coordinate its activities with other state agencies. Our staff stands ready to coordinate with your agency to ensure that neither agency's activities interfere with the other. At this point, barring any specific request from your office, our staff is going forward with these depositions as part of the Commission's statutory responsibilities.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information or if we can be of any assistance to your office.

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Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Beard
Chairman

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