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Mr. Steve C. Tribble Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

> RE: Docket No. 910163-TL

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Response and Objections to Public Counsel's Thirty-Fifth Request for Production of Documents. Please file this document in the above-captioned docket.

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 ACK Certificate of Service.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 910163-TL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by United States Mail this 13th day of January, 1993 to:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition on Behalf of Citizens of the State of Florida to Initiate Investigation into Integrity of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Repair Service Activities and Reports.

Docket No. 910163-TL

Filed: January 13, 1993

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S THIRTY-FIFTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

COMES NOW BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern
Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell" or
"Company"), and files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.034, Florida
Administrative Code, and Rule 1.350 of the Florida Rules of Civil
Procedure, its Responses and Objections to the Office of Public
Counsel's ("Public Counsel") Thirty-Fifth Request for Production
of Documents dated December 8, 1992.

GENERAL RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS

- 1. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's proposed "Instruction" relating to details of privileged documents. To the extent a document responsive to any of the requests is subject to an applicable privilege, some of the information requested by Public Counsel would be similarly privileged and therefore not subject to discovery.
- 2. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's Instruction requesting "... a description of the sequence or order of the documents..." being produced. Such a request is patently unreasonable. The "sequence or order" of documents being produced are readily apparent; therefore, Public Counsel's

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request for a narrative description of what can be easily determined based on a review of the documents themselves is unnecessary and objectionable.

- 3. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's definition of "document" or "documents." Public Counsel's definition of these terms is overly broad and is objectionable pursuant to standards adopted in <u>Caribbean Security Systems v. Security Control</u>

 <u>Systems</u>, Inc., 486 So. 2d 654 (Fla. App. 3rd District 1986).
- 4. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's definition of "you" and "your" as well as the definition of "BellSouth." It appears that Public Counsel, through its definition of these words, is attempting to obtain discovery of information in the possession, custody, or control of entities that are not parties to this docket. Requests for Production may be directed only to parties, and any attempt by Public Counsel to obtain discovery from non-parties should be prohibited. See Rule 1.340, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure; Broward v. Kerr, 454 So. 2d 1068 (4th D.C.A. 1984).
- 5. Southern Bell does not believe it was Public Counsel's intent to require Southern Bell to produce again the same documents previously produced in other dockets, but to the extent it does, Southern Bell objects on the basis that such a request would be unduly burdensome, oppressive and unnecessary, and for these reasons is prohibited.

- 6. Southern Bell objects to the specific time and place designated by Public Counsel for the production of documents for the reasons that the designation is not reasonable, but has no objection to producing the documents that are responsive and to which no other objection is made, at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
- 7. The following Specific Responses are given subject to the above-stated General Responses and Objections.

SPECIFIC RESPONSES

- 8. With respect to Request No. 1, Southern Bell has already produced the documents responsive to this request in response to Public Counsel's Thirty-Second Request for Production of Documents, Request No. 3.
- 9. With respect to Request No. 2, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control at a mutually convenient time and place.
- 10. With respect to Request No. 3, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control at a mutually convenient time and place.
- 11. With respect to Request No. 4, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control at a mutually convenient time and place.
- 12. With respect to Request No. 5, Southern Bell has no documents responsive to this request.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of January, 1993.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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