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Re: Docket Nos. 910163-TL and 910727-TL

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are one original and fifteen copies of AT&T's Responses, Objections, and Motion For Protective Order With Respect to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents. Copies of the foregoing are being served on all parties of record in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

	Yours truly,
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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. 910163-TL

In re: Investigation into SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S compliance with Rule 25-4.110(2), F.A.C., Rebates

DOCKET NO. 910727-TL SUBMITTED FOR FILING: MARCH 17, 1993

AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC.'S RESPONSES, OBJECTIONS, AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER WITH RESPECT TO STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.

(hereinafter "AT&T"), pursuant to Rules 25-22.034 and 25-22.035,

F.A.C., as well as Rules 1.350 and 1.280(b), Florida Rules of

Civil Procedure, hereby propounds the following Responses,

Objections, and Motion for Protective Order with respect to

Staff's First Request for Production of Documents to AT&T

Communications of the Southern States, Inc. in the abovereferenced dockets.

## GENERAL OBJECTIONS

AT&T makes the following General Objections to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents which are hereby incorporated by reference into AT&T's specific responses. AT&T expressly reserves the right to amend, supplement or correct the responses and objections contained herein.

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

AT&T objects to the provisions of paragraph 1 of the Staff's "Definitions and Instructions" inasmuch as Staff's definitions and instructions seek to expand the scope of its Request for Production of Documents to entities other than AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., which is the only subsidiary of American Telephone and Telegraph Company which is, even arguably, a party to the above-referenced dockets. extent that AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. is a party to the above-referenced dockets at all, such party status is solely a result of the consolidation of the above-referenced dockets with Docket No. 920260-TL. Neither the parent nor any of the affiliates or subsidiaries of AT&T Communications of the Southern States Inc. have intervened or sought party status in any of the consolidated Southern Bell dockets, and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., objects to any attempt, by way of definition or otherwise, to expand the scope of Staff's First Request for Production of Documents to such parent, subsidiaries, or affiliates. Without waiver of its general objection, and subject to other general and specific objections, responses will be provided on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. which is the interexchange carrier certificated to provide regulated telecommunications services in Florida and which is a party to Docket No. 920260-TL. All references to "AT&T" in responding to Staff's requests should be taken to mean AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.

- 2. AT&T objects to each request to the extent that it calls for information exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege. Moreover, AT&T objects to Staff's instruction regarding privileged documents (page 3, paragraph 4), which would require AT&T to furnish a list of such documents with various information. AT&T submits that such instruction is overly broad, unduly burdensome, not permitted by the applicable discovery rules, and violates attorney-client privilege.
- 3. AT&T objects to each and every request insofar as the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not defined or explained for purposes of these requests. Any documents provided by AT&T in response to Staff's requests will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.
- 4. AT&T objects to each and every request insofar as the request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action. AT&T will attempt to note each instance where this objection applies.
- 5. AT&T objects to Staff's general instructions, definitions or specific discovery requests insofar as they seek to impose obligations on AT&T which exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida law.

- 6. AT&T objects to each of Staff's requests and general instructions insofar as they are unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, and time consuming as written.
- 7. AT&T objects to each and every request to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that Staff's requests seek proprietary confidential business information which is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege, AT&T will make such information available to counsel for Staff pursuant to an appropriate Request for Confidentiality, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.
- 8. AT&T is a corporation with numerous employees located in Florida and at various locations throughout the United States. In the course of AT&T's business it creates vast quantities of documents which are not subject to Florida Public Service Commission or Federal Communications Commission retention of records requirements. These records are kept at numerous locations and are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every conceivable document will be provided in response to these discovery requests. Rather, AT&T's responses will provide all of the information obtained by AT&T after a reasonable and diligent search conducted in connection with this discovery request. To the extent that the discovery request

purports to require more, AT&T objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense.

### MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

AT&T submits its objections to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents pursuant to the authority contained in Slatnick v. Leadership Housing Systems of Florida, Inc., 368 So.2d 79 (Fla. 3d DCA 1979). To the extent that a Motion for Protective order is required, the objections set forth herein are to be construed as a request for a protective order.

### RESPONSES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS

Without waiver of its general and specific objections, AT&T responds to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents as follows:

- 1. Request No. 1: Subject to the foregoing General
  Objections and Motion for Protective Order, AT&T has no documents
  in its possession, custody or control which are responsive to
  Request No. 1.
- 2. Request No. 2: Subject to the foregoing General Objections and Motion for Protective Order, AT&T has no documents in its possession, custody or control which are responsive to Request No. 2.
- 3. Request No. 3: Subject to the foregoing General Objections and Motion for Protective order, AT&T has no documents

in its possession, custody or control which are responsive to Request No. 3.

- 4. Request No. 4: Subject to the foregoing General Objections and Motion for Protective order, AT&T has no documents in its possession, custody or control which are responsive to Request No. 4.
- 5. Request No. 5: Subject to the foregoing General Objections and Motion for Protective Order, AT&T has no documents in its possession, custody or control which are responsive to Request No. 5.

DATED this 17 1 day of March, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE OF SERVICE

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T"), by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby serves this notice that AT&T has served its Responses, Objections and Motion For Protective Order with respect to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents.

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