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June 22, 1993

Steve Tribble, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 910163-TL

Dear Mr. Tribble:

OTH ____

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida are the original and 15 copies of the Citizens' Motion to Compel.

Please indicate the time and date of receipt on the enclosed duplicate of this letter and return it to our office.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into the Integrity of Southern Bell's Repair Service Activities and Reports

Docket No. *10163-TL Filed June 22, 1993

CITIZENS' MOTION TO COMPEL

The Citizens of Florida, by and through Jack Shreve, Public Counsel, request the prehearing officer to enter an order requiring Annie Bush, an employee of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell") to answer deposition questions under oath in Tallahassee, Florida.

- 1. On June 2, 1993 the Citizens served a notice of deposition upon oral examination on Southern Bell. That pleading included a notice of deposing Southern Bell employee Annie Bush at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 1993, at Southern Bell's office located at 7900 Mandarin Blvd, Orlando, Florida.
- 2. At the request of counsel for Ms. Bush, the deposition was rescheduled for the same location on the next day, Wednesday, June 9, 1993.
- 3. At the deposition on June 9, 1993 counsel for Ms. Bush forbidded her to answer any substantive questions. However, neither Ms. Bush nor her counsel raised any claim of privilege.

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- 4. There is no legal justification for the refusal of Ms. Bush to answer substantive questions without raising a claim of privilege. Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, that is relevant to the subject matter of the pending action. Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.280(b)(1). Further, counsel for Ms. Bush did not seek a protective order as contemplated by Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.280(c).
- 5. The Citizens and the staff of the Commission incurred considerable expense conducting depositions in Orlando at the Southern Bell office where Ms. Bush and other Southern Bell employees work. The Citizens request the prehearing officer to order Southern Bell to produce its employee Annie Bush in Tallahassee, Florida, and to answer deposition questions.

¹ Commission Rule 25-22.034 states that parties may obtain discovery through the means and in the manner provided in Rules 1.280 through 1.400, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

WHEREFORE, the Citizens request the prehearing officer to enter an order requiring Annie Bush, an employee of Southern Bell, to answer deposition questions under oath in Tallahassee, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

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