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EAG _____ RE: Docket No. 960786-TL

LEG 1 _____ Dear Mrs. Bayo:

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RCH _____ Carriers Association's First Set of Interrogatories. Please file
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Consideration of BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc. entry)
into InterLATA services pursuant) Docket No. 960786-TL
to Section 271 of the Federal)
Telecommunications Act of 1996) Filed: August 5, 1996
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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S OBJECTIONS
TO FLORIDA INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION'S
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

COMES NOW, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth" or "Company"), pursuant to Rules 25-22.034 and 25-22.035, Florida Administrative Code, and Rules 1.340 and 1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits the following Objections to Florida Interexchange Carriers Association's ("FIXCA") First Set of Interrogatories to BellSouth.

The Objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the ten-day requirement set forth in Order No. PSC-96-0945-PCO-TP issued by the Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") in the above-referenced docket on July 19, 1996. Should additional grounds for objection be discovered as BellSouth prepares its Answers to the above-referenced set of interrogatories, BellSouth reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its Answers on FIXCA. Moreover, should BellSouth determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the material requested by FIXCA, BellSouth reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission seeking such an order at the time that it serves its Answers on FIXCA.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

BellSouth makes the following General Objections to FIXCA's First Set of Interrogatories which will be incorporated by reference into BellSouth's specific responses when its Answers are served on FIXCA.

1. BellSouth objects to the interrogatories to the extent that such interrogatories seek to impose an obligation on BellSouth to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such requests are overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules.

2. BellSouth has interpreted FIXCA's interrogatories to apply to BellSouth's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its Answers accordingly. To the extent that any interrogatory is intended to apply to matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, BellSouth objects to such interrogatory as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

3. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory and instruction to the extent that such interrogatory or instruction calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.

4. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory insofar as the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for

purposes of these interrogatories. Any Answers provided by BellSouth in response to FIXCA's interrogatories will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

5. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory 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. BellSouth will attempt to note each instance where this objection applies.

6. BellSouth objects to FIXCA's discovery requests insofar as they seek to impose obligations on BellSouth which exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida law, particularly Instruction (X).

7. BellSouth objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission.

8. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory, insofar as it calls for a response which is unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written to prepare.

9. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that FIXCA's interrogatories request proprietary confidential business information which is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege, BellSouth will make such information available to counsel for FIXCA pursuant to an appropriate Protective Agreement, subject to any other general or

specific objections contained herein.

OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC INTERROGATORIES

Subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing general objections, BellSouth enters the following specific objections with respect to FIXCA's interrogatories:

INTERROGATORY NOS. 6, 7, AND 8: Pursuant to the General Objections stated above, BellSouth objects to these interrogatories on the grounds that they seek information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence related to the issue of whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 nor the issues identified for hearing in this docket. Moreover, BellSouth objects to these interrogatories to the extent that the information sought is on file with the Florida Public Service Commission as public record.

INTERROGATORY NOS. 9, 10, 11, 12, AND 13: Pursuant to the General Objections stated above, BellSouth objects to these interrogatories on the grounds that they seek information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence related to the issue of whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications of 1996. The quantifiable amount of competition is irrelevant under the Act, because, for example, Section 271(c) contemplates interLATA relief without a single competitor.

INTERROGATORY NOS. 17, 18, 19, 20 AND 21: Pursuant to the

General Objections stated above, BellSouth objects to these interrogatories on the grounds that they seek information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence related to the issue of whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications of 1996. Information regarding any long distance affiliate of BellSouth is irrelevant to this Commission's inquiry as to whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Act.

INTERROGATORY NO. 22: Pursuant to the General Objections stated above, BellSouth objects to the long distance element of this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence related to the issue of whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications of 1996. Information regarding any long distance affiliate of BellSouth is irrelevant to this Commission's inquiry as to whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Act.

INTERROGATORY NOS. 24, 25, 26, 27, AND 28: Pursuant to the General Objections stated above, BellSouth objects to these interrogatories on the grounds that they seek information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence related to the issue of whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the

requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications of 1996. BellSouth's price changes for local services, rates for intraLATA toll service, the price of access, and out-of-region long distance is irrelevant to the Commission's inquiry in this docket.

INTERROGATORY NOS. 29 AND 30: Pursuant to the General Objections stated above, BellSouth objects to these interrogatories on the grounds that they seek information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence related to the issue of whether BellSouth has met or will be able to meet the requirements of Section 271 of the Telecommunications of 1996. In addition, there is no basis for the interrogatories premise that real time or interactive access to electronic gateways are required under the Act.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of August, 1996.

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