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RE: Docket Nos. 960833-TP/960846-TP/960757-TP (Cost Dockets)

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Intent to Request Specified Confidential Classification for Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories No. 39 and Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents Nos. 41 and 42, which we ask that you file in the 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 Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petitions by AT&T)	Docket No. 960833-TP
Communications of the Southern)	
States, Inc., and MCI)	Docket No. 960846-TP
Telecommunications Corporation,)	
MCI Metro Access Transmission)	
Services, Inc., for arbitration)	
of certain terms and conditions)	
of a proposed agreement with)	
BellSouth Telecommunications,)	
Inc. concerning interconnection)	
and resale under the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	
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In the matter of)	Docket No. 960757-TP
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MFS Communications Company, Inc.)	
)	
Petition for Arbitration Pursuant)	
to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b) of)	
Interconnection Rates, Terms, and)	
Conditions with)	
)	
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)	
)	Filed: January 20, 1998

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST SPECIFIED CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

COMES NOW, BellSouth Telecommunications, inc. ("BellSouth" or "Company"), and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, files its Notice of Intent to Request Specified Confidential Classification.

1. On November 24, 1997, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission ("Staff") served its Third Set of Interrogatories and Third Request for Production of Documents on BellSouth. On December 2, 1997, BellSouth filed its Objections to Staff's Third Request for Production and on

December 9, 1997, BellSouth filed its Response and Objections to Staff's Third Request for Production. On January 13, 1998, Staff filed a Motion to Compel. As a result of discussions with Staff, BellSouth has agreed to provide a revised response to Interrogatory No. 39 and to allow Staff to inspect documents that may be responsive to Request for Production Nos. 41 and 42. These documents are highly proprietary and may be viewed at BellSouth's offices located at 150 South Monroe Street, Suite 400 in Tallahassee. In order to provide Staff with the revised interrogatory response and in order to allow Staff to review potentially responsive documents, BellSouth is now filing a Notice of Intent to Request Specified Classification for Interrogatory No. 39 and Request for Production Nos. 41 and 42. The responses to this discovery contain information considered to be confidential and proprietary to BellSouth in the above captioned docket.

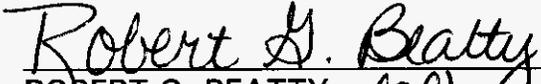
2. The information contained in these documents is proprietary to BellSouth and includes information containing, among other things, financial information. This information is clearly confidential and proprietary under Florida Statutes, Section 364.183 and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

3. Because this information contains proprietary information, BellSouth is filing this Notice of Intent to Request Specified Confidential Classification, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative

Code, in order to allow the Commission to take possession of the interrogatory response and to inspect the documents without delay. The original of this notice has been filed with the Division of Records and Reporting, and a copy has been served on the Division requesting the information.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of January, 1998.

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PROPRIETARY RESPONSE

REQUEST: What was BellSouth Enterprise's pretax interest coverage ratio, total debt to total capital ratio, funds from operations interest coverage ratio, and net cashflow to total debt ratio for the fiscal year-ends 1994, 1995, 1996, and through the third quarter of 1997?

RESPONSE:

BST objects to this request on the grounds that it is not relevant to any issue in this proceeding nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

By way of further answer, BST does have a figure representing the Debt to Capital ratio for BellSouth Enterprise Consolidated for the fiscal year-end 1994. This information constitutes confidential proprietary business information. BST is making this information available for review by the Staff subject to a notice of intent to request confidential classification. BST does not have the debt to capital ratio for any of the other requested periods nor any of the other items requested for BellSouth Enterprises, Inc. The confidential number for the Debt to Capital ratio for BellSouth Enterprise Consolidated for the fiscal year-end 1994 is .

As further information, one may derive the Debt to Capital ratio for BellSouth, excluding the regulated operating companies, from publicly available information in the Consolidated Balance Sheets of BellSouth Corporation and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., which appear in the annual 10-K and the quarterly 10-Q forms. The derived total debt to total capital ratios is the inverse relationship to the information provided in response to Item No. 36.

Year	Debt to Capital Ratio
1994	33.37%
1995	31.29%
1996	29.88%
1997*	28.30%

* As of third quarter 1997

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