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Re: Docket No. 971140-TP (Recombination Docket)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification for Audit Control No. 98-012-4-1 (Loop and Port Combinations), which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record
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Sincerely,

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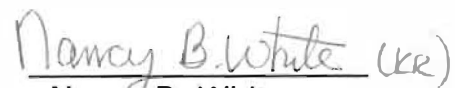
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Motions of AT&T Communications)	Docket No. 971140-TP
of the Southern States, Inc. and MCI)	
Telecommunications Corporation and)	
MCI Metro Access Transmission Services,)	
Inc. to Compel BellSouth)	
Telecommunications, Inc. to comply with)	
Order PSC-96-1579-FOF-TP and to set)	
non-recurring charges for combinations of)	
network elements with BellSouth)	
Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to their)	
agreement)	
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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth" or "Company"), hereby files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, its Request For Confidential Classification, and states the following:

1. On February 16, 1998, an audit exit conference report was issued in the above captioned docket. Staff has identified certain documents and information that it desires to include in its audit workpapers to support its audit in this docket.

2. Pursuant to Rule 25-22-006(3)(a) and (4), Florida Administrative Code, BellSouth is hereby filing its Request for Confidential Classification for certain portions of the Staff's Audit of BellSouth Loop & Port Combinations, dated February 16, 1998, Audit Control No. 98-0123-4-1. These documents contain categories of proprietary confidential business information which will be discussed in detail hereafter.

3. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(4)(c), BellSouth has included three attachments with this filing:

4. Appended hereto as Attachment A is a listing of the location of the information designated by BellSouth as confidential.

5. Appended hereto as Attachment B are two copies of the requested documents with the confidential information deleted.

6. Appended hereto as Attachment C is a sealed envelope containing one highlighted copy of the documents including the material which is confidential and proprietary.

7. The requested documents contain information considered to be confidential and proprietary to BellSouth, and includes information containing, among other things, customer specific information. Public disclosure of this information would provide BellSouth's competitors with an unfair advantage. This same information on competitors is not available to BellSouth. Moreover, because of the customer specific nature of some of this material, public disclosure could cause harm to ratepayers and/or Bellsouth's customers. This information is valuable, it is used by BellSouth in conducting its business and BellSouth strives to keep it secret. Therefore, such information should be classified as proprietary, confidential business information pursuant to Section 364.183(3)(e), Florida Statutes. Accordingly, it should be held exempt from the public disclosure requirements of Section 119.07, Florida Statutes.

8. BellSouth has treated and intends to continue to treat the information for which confidential classification is sought as private, and this information has not been generally disclosed.

9. 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.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, BellSouth moves the Commission to enter an order declaring the information described above to be confidential, proprietary business information that is not subject to public disclosure.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of March, 1998.

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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF BellSouth's
Loop and Port Combinations Audit Workpapers filed in Response to the
February 16, 1998 Staff Audit in DOCKET NO. 971140-TP

Explanation of Proprietary Information

This information reflects customer specific information. Public disclosure of this information would cause harm to ratepayers and/or BellSouth's customers. This information is valuable, it is used by BellSouth in conducting its business and BellSouth strives to keep it secret. Therefore, such information is a trade secret which should be classified as proprietary, confidential business information pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes and is exempt from the Open Records Act.

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