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RE: Dockets No. 980696-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced dockets is AT&T of the Southern States, Inc.'s (AT&T) Objections to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents, First Request for Production of Documents Jointly to AT&T and MCI, First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Interrogatories Jointly to AT&T and MCI in the above captioned docket.

Sincerely,

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In re: Determination of the
cost of basic local
telecommunications service,
pursuant to Section 364.025,
Florida Statutes.

DOCKET NO. 980696-TP

DATED: August 25, 1998

AT&T'S OBJECTIONS TO THE STAFF OF THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S
FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO AT&T AND MCI
JOINTLY

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.
(hereinafter "AT&T"), pursuant to Rules 25-22.034 and 25-
22.035, Florida Administrative Code and Rules 1.350 and
1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits
the following Objections to the Staff of the Florida Public
Service Commission's (hereinafter "Staff's") First Request
for Production of Documents to AT&T Communications of the
Southern States, Inc.

The Objections stated herein are preliminary in nature
and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with
the five-day requirement set forth in Order No. PSC-98-0813-
PCO-TP issued by the Florida Public Service Commission
(hereinafter the "Commission") in the above-referenced
docket on June 19, 1998. Should additional grounds for
objection be discovered as AT&T prepares its Responses to

the above-referenced set of requests, AT&T reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its Responses. Moreover, should AT&T determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the material requested, AT&T reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission seeking such an order at the time that it serves its Responses.

General Objections

AT&T makes the following General Objections to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents which will be incorporated by reference into AT&T's specific responses when its Responses are served on Staff.

1. AT&T objects to the following provisions of the "Definitions" section of Staff's First Request for Production of Documents to the extent that such definitions seek to impose an obligation on AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such definition is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules. In particular, AT&T objects to the implication that AT&T is being required to respond on behalf of MCI. While MCI and AT&T are jointly sponsoring the testimony of certain witnesses, MCI is not affiliated or associated with AT&T in any way. Without waiver of its

general objection, and subject to other general and specific objections, answers will be provided on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. which is the entity certificated to provide regulated telecommunications services in Florida and which is a party to this docket. All references to "AT&T" in responding to Staff's request for production should be taken to mean AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.

2. AT&T objects to Staff's First Set of Requests for Production of Documents to the extent that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, not permitted by applicable discovery rules, and would require AT&T to disclose information which is privileged.

3. AT&T has interpreted Staff's requests to apply to AT&T's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its Responses accordingly. To the extent that any request is intended to apply to matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, AT&T objects to such request as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

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

5. 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 properly defined or explained for purposes of these requests. Any Responses provided by AT&T in response to Staff's requests will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. AT&T objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission.

9. AT&T objects to each and every request, general instruction, or definition insofar as it is unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.

10. 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

the subject of the "trade secrets" privilege, AT&T will make such information available to counsel for Staff pursuant to an appropriate Protective Agreement, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.

11. AT&T is a large corporation with employees located in many different locations in Florida and in other states. In the course of its business, AT&T creates countless documents that are not subject to Florida Public Service Commission or FCC retention of records requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations and are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Rather, these responses will provide all of the information obtained by AT&T after a reasonable and diligent search conducted in connection with this discovery request. AT&T will comply with Staff's request that a search be conducted of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information. 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.

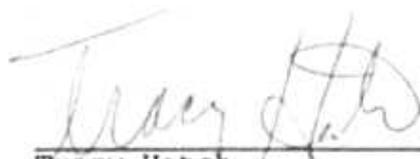
Objections to Specific Requests

Subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing general objections, AT&T enters the following specific objections with respect to Staff's requests:

Request No. 1: Without waiver, AT&T intends to produce the requested documents in its possession custody or control.

Request No. 2: Without waiver, AT&T intends to produce the requested documents in its possession custody or control.

SUBMITTED this 25th day of August, 1998.



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