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Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Objections to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents and Third Set of Interrogatories. Please file these documents 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.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the Cost)
of Basic Local Telecommunications) Docket No.: 980696-TP
Service, pursuant to Section 364.025,)
Florida Statutes)
_____) Dated: September 2, 1998

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
OBJECTIONS TO STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION
OF DOCUMENTS AND THIRD SET OF INTERROGATORIES**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth" or "Company"), hereby files, pursuant to Rule 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 the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission's Third Request for Production of Documents and Third Set of Interrogatories ("Staff").

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 the procedural order issued by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-referenced dockets. Should additional grounds for objection be discovered as BellSouth prepares its Answers to the above-referenced set of requests, BellSouth reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its Answers on Staff. Moreover, should BellSouth determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the material requested by Staff, BellSouth reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission seeking such an order at the time that it serves its Answers on Staff.

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GENERAL OBJECTIONS

BellSouth makes the following General Objections to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents and Third Set of Interrogatories which will be incorporated by reference into BellSouth's specific responses when its Answers are served on Staff.

1. BellSouth objects to the requests to the extent that such requests 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 Staff's requests to apply to BellSouth's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its Answers 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, BellSouth objects to such request to produce as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

3. BellSouth 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.

4. BellSouth 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 Answers provided by BellSouth in response to Staff's request will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

5. BellSouth 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. BellSouth will attempt to note each instance where this objection applies.

6. BellSouth objects to Staff's discovery requests, instructions and definitions, insofar as they seek to impose obligations on BellSouth that exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida Law.

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 request, insofar as it is unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.

9. BellSouth 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 proprietary confidential business information which is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege, BellSouth 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.

10. BellSouth is a large corporation with employees located in many different locations in Florida and in other states. In the course of its business, BellSouth 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 that are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every document has been provided in response to these discovery requests. Rather, these responses provide all of the information obtained by BellSouth after a reasonable and diligent search conducted in connection with this discovery request. BellSouth conducted a search of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information. To the extent that the discovery request purports to require more, BellSouth objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense. Staff requests herein documents that have previously been produced to other parties in response to previous discovery. Without limiting any of the foregoing objections, BellSouth incorporates herein by reference its objections to that previous discovery.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of September, 1998.

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