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Re: **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**
Docket Nos. 960876-TL & 981834-TL

Dear Ms Bayó:

Enclosed on behalf of Rhythms Links Inc. is its response to KPMG's "Florida Forecast Survey" which is being conducted as part of the Independent Third Party Testing of BellSouth's Operations Support Systems in these dockets. Rhythms hereby claims confidentiality for this survey response pursuant to Section 364.183(1), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(5), Florida Administrative Code.

Rhythms understands that the information contained in this response is subject to the terms of the Protective Order (Order No. PSC-99-1747-PCO-TL) issued in this docket on September 7, 1999. As such, this information can be furnished to the KPMG, which is serving as the Commission's agent, but it will continue to be protected as proprietary information in KPMG's hands.

In compliance with Rule 25-22.006(5), Rhythms is submitting:

- (1) a sealed envelope containing one copy of the confidential survey response on which the confidential information has been highlighted; and
- (2) two redacted copies of the survey which can be made available for public inspection.

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