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Re: Docket No. 990649-TP (UNE Docket)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification of its Supplemental Response to Staff's Eighth Request for Production of Documents, Item No. 55, which we ask that you file in the above-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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

  
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into )  
Pricing of Unbundled Network ) Docket No.: 990649-TP  
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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S**  
**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

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

1. On September 14, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed its Supplemental Response to Staff's Eighth Request for Production of Documents, Item No. 55 that includes proprietary information. At the same time, BellSouth filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification.
2. BellSouth hereby files this Request for Confidential Classification because the information contained in BellSouth's Supplemental Response to Staff's Eighth Request for Production of Documents, Item No. 55 includes vendor-specific pricing information, confidential business information and customer proprietary information. Attachment "A" to BellSouth's Request for Confidential Classification contains the specific justification for the request for confidential classification along with a list that identifies the location of the information designated by BellSouth as confidential.
3. Attachment "B" to BellSouth's Request for Confidential Classification contains two copies of the documents with the confidential information redacted.
4. Attachment "C" to BellSouth's Request for Confidential Classification is a sealed envelope containing one copy of the documents including those portions that are confidential and proprietary.
5. The information contained in BellSouth's Supplemental Response to Staff's Eighth Request for Production of Documents, Item No. 55 includes vendor-specific pricing

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information, confidential business information and customer proprietary information that is considered proprietary to BellSouth. Public disclosure of this information would provide competitors with an unfair advantage in future negotiations. This same information on competitors is not available to BellSouth. Therefore, such information should continue to be classified as confidential business information and customer proprietary information pursuant to Section 364.24 and Section 364.183(3)(e), Florida Statutes. Accordingly, it should be held exempt from the public disclosure requirements of Section 119.07, Florida Statutes.


6. 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.


7. The original of this Request was filed today with the Division of Records and Reporting, and a copy was served on the Parties.

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

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September, 2000.

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

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**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF BELLSOUTH'S  
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PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (POD NO. 55), FILED SEPTEMBER 14, 2000  
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### **Explanation of Proprietary Information**

1. this information reflects vendor specific prices negotiated by BellSouth. Public disclosure of this information would impair BellSouth's ability to contract for goods and services on *favorable terms*. BellSouth is contractually bound by an agreement with vendor to treat the information as confidential. 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 for the Open Records Act.

**ATTACHMENT A**

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