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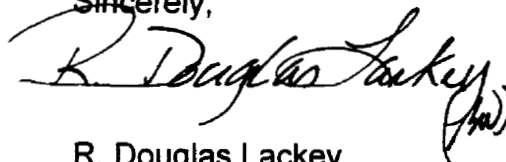
Re: Docket No. 000731-TP (AT&T Arbitration)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request For Confidential Classification of Exhibit RMP-20 of Ronald M. Pate's Rebuttal Testimony filed January 3, 2001, which we ask that you file 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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,



R. Douglas Lackey

cc: All Parties of Record
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(x-ref. 00117-01)
This confidentiality request was filed by or for a "telco" for DNO1086-01. No ruling is required unless the material is subject to a request per 119.07, FS, or is admitted in the record per Rule 25-22.006(8)(b), FAC.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket No. 000731-TP**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via

(*) Electronic Mail and Federal Express this 24th day of January, 2001 to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition by AT&T Communications of the) Docket No. 000731-TP
Southern States, Inc. and TCG South Florida)
for arbitration of certain terms and conditions of a)
proposed agreement with BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to)
47 U.S.C. § 252)
_____) Filed: 1/24/2001

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
REQUEST FOR SPECIFIED CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

COMES NOW, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth" or "Company"), and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, files its Request for Specified Confidential Classification.

1. On January 3, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed its rebuttal testimony of Ronald M. Pate. Attached to that testimony is Exhibit RMP-20, which contains information that includes ALEC-specific and confidential business information that is considered proprietary to BellSouth. On January 3, 2001, along with the testimony and Exhibit RMP-20, BellSouth filed its Notice of Intent to Request Specified Confidential Classification.

2. The information contained in Exhibit RMP-20 to Ronald Pate's testimony relates to a specific ALEC and contains not only information about that ALEC, but ALEC-specific information that is necessary in order implement the processes and procedures outlined in the exhibit. In order to obtain the underlying information necessary for the development of the manual in question, BellSouth had to agree with the ALEC to treat the information contained in the exhibit as confidential proprietary business information. Without such treatment, BellSouth will be unable to secure

similar information from other ALECs that might also wish to take advantage of the procedures and processes outlined in the exhibit. As such, this information should be treated pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, as confidential business information that is exempt from the Open Records Act.

3. Attachment A to BellSouth's Request for Confidential Classification contains an explanation of the proprietary information along with a list that identifies the location of the information designated by BellSouth as confidential.

4. Attachment B to BellSouth's Request for Confidential Classification contains two paper copies of Exhibit RPM-20 with the confidential information redacted.

5. Attachment C to BellSouth's Request for Confidential Classification is a sealed envelope containing one copy of Exhibit RPM-20 including those portions that are confidential and proprietary.

6. The information contained in Exhibit RPM-20 to Ronald Pate's Testimony includes, among other things, information that is specific to an individual ALEC and that constitutes confidential business information. A more specific description of this information is contained in Attachment A. Public disclosure of this information would impair BellSouth's ability to prepare similar documents for other ALECs in the future, and could have an adverse affect on the development of local competition in Florida. The information discussed in this Request for Confidential Classification is valuable 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.

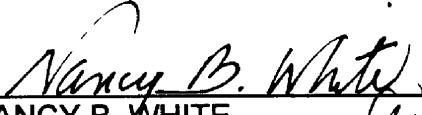
7. BellSouth has treated and intends to continue to treat the information for which confidential classification is sought as private, and this information has not been generally disclosed.

8. 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 24th day of January, 2001.

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ATTACHMENT A

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Explanation of Proprietary Information

1. The Encore User Requirements Manual was developed solely for use by one ALEC and contains ALEC-specific information. Inasmuch as BellSouth makes available to ALECs the service capabilities described in this document, BellSouth would provide a separate ALEC-specific User Requirements Manual for each ALEC desiring to use the service.

Public disclosure of this information would violate BellSouth's agreement with the ALEC in question and would impair BellSouth's ability to negotiate similar documents with other ALECs in the future. Pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, such information is classified as proprietary, confidential business information, which is exempt from the Open Records Act.

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EXHIBIT RMP-20

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