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RE: Docket No. 920260-TL

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed are an original an fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Response and Objections to Public Counsel's Twenty-Fourth Request for Production of Documents. Please file this document 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 on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Comprehensive Review of the Revenue Requirements and Rate Stabilization Plan of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company

Docket No. 920260-TL

Filed: January 8, 1993

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S TWENTY-FOURTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

COMES NOW BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell" or "Company"), and files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.034, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 1.350, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, its Responses and Objections to the Office of Public Counsel's ("Public Counsel") Twenty-Fourth Request for Production of Documents dated December 23, 1992.

GENERAL RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS

1. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's definition of "document" or "documents". Public Counsel's definition of these terms is overly broad and is objectionable pursuant to standards adopted in <u>Caribbean Security Systems v. Security Control</u> <u>Systems, Inc.</u>, 486 So. 2d 654 (Fla. App. 3rd District 1986).

2. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's definition of "you" and "your" as well as the definition of "Southern Bell". It appears that Public Counsel, through its definition of these words, is attempting to obtain discovery of information in the possession, custody, or control of entities that are not parties to this docket. Requests for Production may only be directed to parties, and any attempt by Public Counsel to obtain discovery DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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from non-parties should be prohibited. <u>See</u> Rule 1.340, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure; <u>Broward v. Kerr</u>, 454 So.2d 1068 (4th D.C.A. 1984).

3. Public Counsel filed a Motion to Require Production of Documents By January 8, 1993 contemporaneously with service of its Twenty-Fourth Request for Production of Documents on Southern Bell on December 23, 1992. Notwithstanding the fact that considering the permissible discovery response intervals under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, this discovery has been served on Southern Bell after the anticipated deadline for such discovery requests of this type (See Order No. PSC-92-1195-PCO-TL, issued October 21, 1992) Southern Bell will nevertheless voluntarily accede to Public Counsel's request that the Company respond to this discovery by January 8, 1993. Inasmuch as Southern Bell is agreeing to respond as indicated, no other formal response to Public Counsel's December 23, 1992 motion is necessary.

SPECIFIC RESPONSES

4. With respect to Request No. 322, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control at a mutually convenient time and place.

5. With respect to Request No. 191, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control at a mutually convenient time and place.

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Respectfully submitted this 8th day of January, 1993.

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