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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Docket No. 920260-TL - Comprehensive Review of the Revenue Requirements and Rate Stabilization Plan of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s Response in Opposition to BellSouth's Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration and Clarification.

Copies of the foregoing are being served on all parties of record in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s Response in Opposition to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration/Clarification

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T), files this response in opposition to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s (BellSouth) motion for reconsideration. In support, AT&T states:

- 1. BellSouth seeks reconsideration or clarification of the Commission's decision in Order No. PSC-97-0128-FOF-TL. In that order, the Commission determined the allocation of a rate reduction previously required by the terms of Order No. PSC-94-0172-FOF-TL.
- 2. The well-established standard for reconsideration is that it must bring to the attention of the tribunal some point of fact or law which it overlooked or failed to consider when it rendered its decision. Pingree v. Quaintance, 394 So.2d 161 (Fla. 1st DCA 1981); Diamond Cab Co. of Miami v. King, 146 So.2d 889 (Fla. 1962). BellSouth's motion points to no mistake or failure to consider facts or law; rather, it argues that its request "is fair and reasonable and will not prejudice any of the parties to this docket." BellSouth's request fails to meet the legal standard for reconsideration and is, therefore, neither fair nor reasonable.

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- 3. BellSouth posits that the Commission should reconsider its order based on BellSouth's "updated forecast" of the revenue impact of the RIC. This "updated forecast" is not in the record of this proceeding and, in fact, was prepared after the Commission issued its refund order. The Commission's rules do not provide parties an opportunity to supplement the record with additional post-hearing evidence, and the Commission may not rely upon such non-record evidence for purposes of reconsideration. A newly-hatched forecast does not constitute a point of fact or law which the Commission overlooked or failed to consider when determining the refund amount.
- 4. BellSouth also asks the Commission to change its decision because "BellSouth feels that the refund amount should be reduced by the portion of the \$1.1 million ECS credit that was already in effect by 10/1/96." This request wholly fails to meet the requisite legal standard for reconsideration and also must be rejected.
- 5. BellSouth can point to no error or failure to consider record evidence. The Commission's Order is supported by competent substantial evidence and the Commission may not reconsider its decision based upon non-record evidence.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth's motion should be denied.

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DOCKET NO. 920260-TL

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