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December 7, 1992

Mr. Steve C. Tribble Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

RE: Docket No. 910163-TL

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Response and Objections to Public Counsel's Thirty-Third Request for Production of Documents dated November 5, 1992, and its Motion for Protective Order 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 on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 910163-TL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by United States Mail this 7th day of December, 1992 to:

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition on Behalf of Citizens of the State of Florida to Initiate Investigation into Integrity of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Repair Service Activities and Reports.

Docket No. 910163-TL

Filed: December 7, 1992

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S THIRTY-THIRD REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell" or "Company"), and (1) files its Response and Objections to Public Counsel's Thirty-Third Request for Production of Documents dated November 5, 1992 and (2) pursuant to Rule 25-22.034, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 1.280(c), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, its Motion for Protective Order.

#### MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

The documents requested by Public Counsel in its

Thirty-Third Request for Production of Documents are privileged documents. Thus, pursuant to Rule 25-22.034, Florida

Administrative Code, and Rule 1.280(c), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Southern Bell moves the Prehearing Officer to issue a Protective Order directing that discovery not be had with respect to these privileged documents. Southern Bell's specific response to Request No. 1 set forth herein further specifies the basis on which the documents are deemed to be privileged.

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## GENERAL RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS

- 1. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's proposed "Instruction" relating to details of privileged documents. To the extent a document responsive to any of the requests if subject to an applicable privilege, some of the information requested by Public Counsel would be similarly privileged and therefore not subject to discovery.
- 2. 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 Systems</u>, Inc., 486 So. 2d 654 (Fla. App. 3rd District 1986).
- 3. Southern Bell objects to Public Counsel's definition of "you" and "your" as well as the definition of "BellSouth". 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 from non-parties should be prohibited. See Rule 1.340, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure; Broward v. Kerr, 454 So. 2d 1068 (4th D.C.A. 1984).
- 4. Southern Bell does not believe it was Public Counsel's intent to require Southern Bell to produce again the same documents previously produced in other dockets, but to the extent it does, Southern Bell objects on the basis that such a request

would be unduly burdensome, oppressive, and unnecessary, and for these reasons, is prohibited.

- 5. Southern Bell objects to the specific time and place designated by Public Counsel for the production of documents for the reasons that the designation is not reasonable, but has no objection to producing the documents that are responsive and to which no other objection is made, at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
- 6. The following Specific Responses are given subject to the above-stated General Response and Objections.

### SPECIFIC RESPONSES

7. In response to Request No. 1, Southern Bell objects because this request calls for the production of documents that were generated at the direct request of, and under the supervision of, attorneys for Southern Bell. These documents were developed in anticipation of litigation and were the basis upon which legal opinions were rendered to Southern Bell by its attorneys. Accordingly, Southern Bell objects to the production of these documents on the basis of the attorney-client and work product privileges. This request seeks the production of documents Southern Bell has consistently maintained to be privileged documents both in this docket and in Docket No. 920260-TL, and the Company incorporates by reference herein all arguments previously made in support of the Company's consistent position relating to these documents.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of December 1992.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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