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Re: Docket No. 920260-TL - 900960-TL - 910163-TL - 910727-TL

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed please find an original and fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Motion for a Permanent Protective Order for its Responses to Public Counsel's Third and Fifth Sets of Interrogatories, 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 ACKCertificate of Service.

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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: April 16, 1993

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S MOTION FOR A PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR ITS RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S THIRD AND FIFTH SETS OF INTERROGATORIES

COMES NOW BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell" or "Company") and files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(5), Florida Administrative Code, its Motion for Permanent Protective Order.

- 1. On June 6, 1991 and June 11, 1991 the Office of Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") served upon Southern Bell its Third and Fifth Sets of Interrogatories in this docket. The Third Set of Interrogatories contains Item Nos. 1-10, and the Fifth Set of Interrogatories contains Item Nos. 1-2, all of which request information regarding the names and other personnel information of employees who have some knowledge of alleged falsification of trouble reports. Southern Bell believed that the requested information was protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine. Accordingly, Southern Bell objected to providing this information.
- 2. Public Counsel filed Motions to Compel, which were granted by the Prehearing Officer in Order No. 25054, issued on September 12, 1991. Southern Bell then filed a Motion for

Reconsideration of this Order, which was denied by the full Commission on December 17, 1991 (Order No. 25483). Upon appeal, the Florida Supreme Court upheld the order of the Florida Public Service Commission requiring Southern Bell to divulge this information. (Denial of Petition in Case No. 80,004, dated February 4, 1993).

- 3. Southern Bell provided the information in answer to these interrogatories to Public Counsel on February 26, 1993. At that time, Southern Bell filed a Motion for Temporary Protective Order. The Office of Public Counsel filed a response that purported to voice its opposition to Southern Bell's Motion for Temporary Protective Order, notwithstanding the fact that it had not indicated an intent to utilize the information in this proceeding as required by Rule 25-22.006(5)(c). Southern Bell replied to this response on March 23, 1993. On April 1, 1993, Public Counsel filed an additional response (styled "Reply Concerning Southern Bell's Motion for a Temporary Protective Order) in which it stated for the first time its intent to use the subject information in this proceeding.
- 4. This information constitutes proprietary confidential business information that under the provisions of Section 364.183, Florida Statutes is exempt from the public disclosure requirements of Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, Southern Bell moves, pursuant to the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Commission") rule on confidentiality, Rule 25-

- 22.006(5)(c), Florida Administrative Code, for a Permanent Protective Order exempting this information from § 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.
- 5. The confidential information all fall into one of two different exemptions from Florida Statutes § 119.07. First, some answers to interrogatories contain customer-specific information. This information is specifically exempted from the general disclosure requirements of § 119.07 by the provisions of § 119.07(w). Specifically, § 119.07(w) provides that "all records supplied by a telecommunications company to a state or local government agency which contain the name, address and telephone number of subscribers are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1)," and that would otherwise require disclosure.
- 6. Second, certain interrogatory answers contain confidential personnel information. The four areas of employee personnel information that are not, <u>per se</u>, confidential pursuant to § 364.183(f), Florida Statutes, are those related to compensation, duties, qualifications, and responsibilities of an employee. A common sense reading of this list, as well as a review of the definitions of these items as contained in Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, demonstrate that the employee information provided in response to Public Counsel's interrogatories do not fit any of the exceptions, and are thus, <u>per se</u>, confidential under §364.183(f), Florida Statutes.

- 7. A review of these terms, in the context of §
 364.183(f), Florida Statutes, reveals their meaning.
 "Compensation" is the amount of money or other value that an employee is paid to perform his or her job duties. "Duties" are the particular acts an employee is expected to perform as a part of his or her job. "Qualifications" are the skills, knowledge, and abilities needed to perform a particular job. Finally, "responsibilities" are those things that an employee is obliged to do as part of his or her job. These meanings are confirmed by the dictionary definition of these words. Webster's definitions of these terms are as follows:
 - A. Compensation payment, wages.
 - B. Duty the action required by one's position or occupation.
 - C. Qualification something that qualifies; a condition that must be complied with.
 - D. Responsibility the quality or state of being responsible.

Thus, the names and other personnel information of the employees who may have some knowledge of these allegations do not relate to the compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities of these employees.

8. Southern Bell has filed as Attachment "A" a listing of the specific portions of the above-referenced answers to interrogatories that contain proprietary confidential information, all of which are confidential for the reasons set

forth above. 1 Southern Bell has also filed two redacted copies of the answers as Attachment "B." Finally, Southern Bell has filed a highlighted version of the answers in a sealed container, which is marked as Attachment "C."

WHEREFORE, Southern Bell respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer issue a Permanent Protective Order exempting from the provisions of Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, Southern Bell's responses to Item Nos. 1-10 of Public Counsel's Third Set of Interrogatories and Item Nos. 1-2 of Public Counsel's Fifth Set of Interrogatories from § 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, in accordance with Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

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Southern Bell responded to the Fifth Set of Interrogatories by referring to its responses to the Third Set of Interrogatories. Thus, only the answers to the Third contain the specific confidential information identified and described more fully on Attachments A, B and C. Since this information is incorporated by reference into the answers to the fifth interrogatories, however, confidential classification has been requested for these answers also.

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