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October 29, 1993

Mr. Steve C. Tribble Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301 920860

Docket No. 4900960-TL RE:

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Response and Objections to Staff's Seventh Request for Production of Documents and Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification. Please file these documents 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,

Sidney J. White, St. (BW)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Show Cause proceeding against Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for misbilling customers

Docket No. 900960-TL

Filed: October 29, 1993

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS TO STAFF'S SEVENTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

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 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, (1) its Response and Objections to Staff's Seventh Request for Production of Documents dated September 24, 1993 and (2) its Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Some of the documents that will be made available for the Staff to review in response to its Seventh Request for Production of Documents contain information which is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to §§ 119.07 and 364.183, Florida Statutes and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. Specifically, some of the documents contain, among other things, employee-specific information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities and other Company proprietary confidential business information. This information is specifically included as proprietary confidential business

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information pursuant to Section 364.183(3)(f), Florida Statutes. Because these documents contain exempt proprietary confidential business information, Southern Bell is filing this Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, in order to allow the Staff access to these documents without delay. The original of this Notice has been filed with the Division of Records and Reporting, and a copy has been served on the division requesting this information.

GENERAL RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS

- 1. Southern Bell objects to Staff's overly broad definition of documents "relating to" a given subject. An application of such a broad definition of responsive documents would have the effect of causing the production of unnecessary, irrelevant, and unrelated documents. Read literally, documents "relating to" a particular subject could be any piece of paper mentioning the subject matter in any manner whatsoever.

 Consequently, such a qualification for responsive documents is overly broad and therefore objectionable.
- 2. Southern Bell objects to Staff's definition of "you" and "your." It appears that Staff, 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 Staff 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).

- 3. With regard to Staff's definition of "document" or "documents", Southern Bell has made a diligent, good faith attempt to locate documents responsive to the scope of Staff's individual requests for documents.
- 4. Southern Bell objects to Staff's request that this discovery be "continuing" in nature. Pursuant to Rule 1.280(e), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, a party who responds to a discovery request with a response that is complete when provided is under no obligation to thereafter supplement such response with information later acquired. Consequently, Staff's suggestion that this discovery be continuing is improper and objectionable.
- 5. The following Specific Responses are given subject to the above-stated General Response and Objections.

SPECIFIC RESPONSES

- 7. In response to Request No. 117, Southern Bell will produce responsive documents that are in its possession, custody, or control for Staff subject to its Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification set forth herein.
- 8. In response to Request No. 118, these items are not applicable.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of October, 1993.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by United States Mail this 29th day of October, 1993 to:

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