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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 950985-TP MFS v. United-Centel

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are an original and fifteen (15) copies of AT&T's Objections to Sprint-United/Centel's First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents.

Copies of the foregoing are being served on all parties of record in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

Yours truly,

Michael W. Tye

Attachments

cc: J. P. Spooner, Jr. Parties of Record

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Resolution of petition(s) )
to establish nondiscriminatory )
rates, terms, and conditions for )
interconnection involving local ) Docket No. 950985-TP
exchange companies and alternative)
local exchange companies pursuant )
to Section 364.162, Florida ) Filed: February 26, 1996
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# AT&T'S OBJECTIONS TO SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES AND FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.

(hereinafter "AT&T"), pursuant to Rules 25-22.034 and 25-22.035,

Florida Administrative Code and Rules 1.340 and 1.280(b), Florida

Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits the following Objections

to Central Telephone Company of Florida and United Telephone

Company of Florida's (hereinafter collectively referred to as

"SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL") First Set of Interrogatories and First

Request for Production of Documents to AT&T.

The Objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the ten-day requirement set forth in Order No. PSC-95-1084-PCO-TP issued by the Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") in the above-referenced docket on August 30, 1995. Should additional

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grounds for objection be discovered as AT&T prepares its answers and responses to the above-referenced set of interrogatories and requests for production of documents, respectively, AT&T reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its answers and responses on SPRINT

UNITED/CENTEL. Moreover, should AT&T determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the material requested by SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL, AT&T reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission seeking such an order at the time that it serves its answers and responses on SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL.

## General Objections

AT&T makes the following General Objections to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents which will be incorporated by reference into AT&T's specific responses when its answers and responses are served on SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL.

1. AT&T objects to the definitions of "you", "your",
"company" or "AT&T" contained in the "Definitions" section of
SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's First Request for Production of Documents to
the extent that such definitions seek to impose an obligation on
AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. to respond on

behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such definition is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules. Without waiver of its general objection, and subject to other general and specific objections, answers and responses to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL'S First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents will be provided on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. which is the carrier certificated to provide regulated telecommunications services in Florida and which is a party to this In addition to operating in the State of Florida, AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. also operates in the States of Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. references to "AT&T" in responding to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's discovery requests should be taken to mean AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.

2. Unless otherwise indicated, AT&T has interpreted SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's interrogatories and requests for production of documents to apply to AT&T's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its answers and responses accordingly. To the extent that any discovery request is intended to apply to

matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, AT&T objects to such request as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

- 3. AT&T objects to each and every discovery request and instruction to the extent that such request or instruction calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.
- 4. AT&T objects to each and every discovery request insofar as the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of these requests.

  Any answers or responses provided by AT&T to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's discovery requests will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.
- 5. AT&T objects to each and every discovery request insofar as the request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action. AT&T will attempt to note each instance where this objection applies.

- 6. AT&T objects to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's general instructions, definitions or specific discovery requests insofar as they seek to impose obligations on AT&T which exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida law.
- 7. AT&T objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission.
- 8. AT&T objects to each and every discovery request, general instruction, or definition insofar as it is unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.
- 9. AT&T objects to each and every discovery request to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's discovery requests seek proprietary confidential business information which is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege, AT&T will make such information available to counsel for SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL pursuant to an appropriate Protective Agreement, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.

- 10. AT&T objects to each of the interrogatories to the extent that they seek information that is not maintained in the format requested.
- 11. AT&T objects to the discovery requests to the extent that they seek information in the nature of market research. AT&T should not be required to provide to a competitor information which AT&T has compiled or which AT&T has paid to have complied and allow a competitor to have the benefit of such information.
- 12. AT&T has employees located in many different locations. in the course of its business, AT&T creates or comes into possession of countless documents that are not subject to any regulatory retention of records requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations and are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every document will be provided in response to these discovery requests. Rather, AT&T's responses will provide all of the information obtained by AT&T after a reasonable and diligent search conducted of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information. To the extent that the discovery request purports to require more, AT&T

objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense.

13. AT&T objects to every interrogatory that requests information about, or a summary of, a document which is also furnished pursuant to a document production request on the grounds that the documents speak for themselves and SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL is equally capable of extracting or summarizing the requested information.

### Objections to Specific Interrogatories

Subject to, and without waiver of, each of the foregoing general objections, AT&T enters the following specific objections with respect to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's interrogatories:

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Pursuant to General Objection No. 13,

AT&T objects to subparts (c) to (j) of this interrogatory on
the grounds that such information is available to SPRINT

UNITED/CENTEL from an examination of the documents covered by
the related document production request.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: Pursuant to General Objection No. 13,

AT&T objects to the interrogatory inasmuch as it requests the

type of information requested in Interrogatory No. 3(c) to (i)

on the grounds that such information is available to SPRINT

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UNITED/CENTEL from an examination of the documents covered by the related document production request. To the extent that AT&T's answer to this interrogatory contains proprietary confidential business information, AT&T will allow counsel for SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL to inspect such information only upon execution of an appropriate Protective Agreement.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Pursuant to General Objection No. 13,

AT&T objects to subparts (b) to (e) of this interrogatory on
the grounds that such information is available to SPRINT

UNITED/CENTEL from an examination of the documents covered by
the related document production request.

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: Pursuant to General Objection No. 13,

AT&T objects to subparts (b) to (e) of this interrogatory on
the grounds that such information is available to SPRINT

UNITED/CENTEL from an examination of the documents covered by
the related document production request.

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: Pursuant to General Objection No. 13,

AT&T objects to subparts (b) to (d) of this interrogatory on
the grounds that such information is available to SPRINT

UNITED/CENTEL from an examination of the documents covered by
the related document production request.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 9: Pursuant to General Objection No. 13,

AT&T objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that such
information is available to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL from an
examination of the documents covered by the related document
production request.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: To the extent that AT&T has not requested to interconnect with any of SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL'S central offices in Florida, AT&T objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is irrelevant, unduly burdensome and oppressive. Moreover, to the extent that SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL is a direct competitor of AT&T, AT&T objects to the disclosure of any information to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL regarding the costs, profitability, or configuration of its actual or potential local exchange network, on the grounds that such information is highly sensitive, confidential business information which cannot be disclosed to a direct competitor and which constitutes a "trade secret" that is privileged under Florida law.

## Objections to Specific Document Production Requests

Subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing general objections, AT&T enters the following specific objections with respect to SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL's document production requests:

REQUEST NO. 1: Pursuant to General Objection No. 1, AT&T will limit its answer to this interrogatory to matters that apply to the regulated intrastate operations of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., which operates in the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. AT&T also objects to this request on the grounds set forth in the individual specific objections made by AT&T to the related interrogatories. Such specific objections are incorporated herein by specific reference thereto.

REQUEST NO. 2: Pursuant to General Objection No. 1, AT&T will limit its answer to this interrogatory to matters that apply to the regulated intrastate operations of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., which operates in the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. AT&T also objects to this request on the grounds that AT&T may be required to refer to or rely on a voluminous amount of information in order to respond

to the related interrogatories and this request is therefore overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

REQUEST NO. 3: Pursuant to General Objection No. 1, AT&T will limit its answer to this interrogatory to matters that apply to the regulated intrastate operations of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., which operates in the states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. AT&T also objects to this request as irrelevant inasmuch as AT&T is not a petitioner in this docket. AT&T's status is merely that of intervenor. the issues before the Commission in this docket relate to the specific requests of the petitioners for interconnection. Moreover, AT&T objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome and oppressive in that it would have the effect of penalizing AT&T for its intervention in this case by forcing it to search files and provide documents which are not relevant to the petitions before the Commission. AT&T further objects to this request on the grounds that it calls for highly sensitive, confidential business information which is protected by the "trade secrets" privilege under Florida law. AT&T objects to any request that would require it to release such information, even under a Protective Agreement, to a competitor, such as SPRINT

UNITED/CENTEL. AT&T submits that this request is an improper attempt by SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL to secure valuable, competitively sensitive information intended to give it an advantage in any future negotiations that may take place between AT&T and SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL. The forced disclosure of such information in this docket would improperly influence the bargaining positions of the parties, contrary to the intent of Section 364.161(1) of the Florida Statutes and Section 251(c)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

REQUEST NO. 4: In addition to, and without waiver of, the General Objections stated above, AT&T objects to this request on the grounds set forth in the individual specific objections made by AT&T to the related interrogatory. Such specific objections are incorporated herein by specific reference thereto.

REQUEST NO. 5: In addition to, and without waiver of, the General Objections stated above, AT&T objects to this request on the grounds set forth in the individual specific objections made by AT&T to the related interrogatory. Such specific objections are incorporated herein by specific reference thereto.

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SUBMITTED this 26th day of February, 1996.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by next day express mail, U. S. Mail or hand-delivery to the following parties of record this 26th day of Kabury.

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