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RE: Docket No. 920260-TL

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-97-0128-FOF-TL. Please file these documents 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 on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Filed: February 24, 1997

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration/Clarification

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), files pursuant to Rule 25-22.060,
Florida Administrative Code, its Motion for Reconsideration/Clarification of Order No. PSC-970128-FOF-TL ("Order"), issued on February 7, 1997, by the Florida Public Service Commission
("Commission") in the above referenced docket. In support of its Motion for
Reconsideration/Clarification, BellSouth states the following:

1.

This docket was initiated pursuant to Order No. 25552 (issued December 31, 1991) to analyze and evaluate the rate stabilization Plan under which BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") had operated since 1988. On January 5, 1994, BellSouth and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC" or "Public Counsel") jointly filed a document entitled, Stipulation and Agreement Between The Office of Public Counsel and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. On January 12, 1994, BellSouth filed a document entitled, Implementation Agreement for Portions of the Unspecified Rate Reductions in Stipulation and Agreement Between The Office of Public Counsel and Southern Bell Telephone Company. On February 11, 1994, the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered Order No. PSC-94-0172-

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FOF-TL, Order Approving Stipulation and Implementation Agreement. The Settlement provided for various specified and unspecified revenue reduction amounts in 1995 and 1996.

2.

The Implementation Agreement stated that the Commission would "conduct hearings to determine the rate design by which the amounts not specifically allocated by the Stipulation and [the] Implementation Agreement shall be disposed of in ...1996..." (Implementation Agreement, Par. 10, pp. 7-8). The Agreement further stated that "the PARTIES [to the Agreement] or any other interested persons shall submit, not less than 120 days prior to the scheduled effective date of each reduction, their proposals as to how such reductions should implemented." (Implementation Agreement, Par. 4 pp. 11-12).

3.

On May 31, 1996, BellSouth filed revisions to its General Subscribers Service Tariff, its Private Line Service Tariff, and its Access Service Tariff, to use the unspecified revenue reduction to fund the reduction in 1996 rates of various features and services. Proposals of alternative ways to allocate the 1996 million revenue reduction were filed by the Office of Public Counsel, the Florida Interexchange Carriers Association ("FIXCA")¹, Florida Cable Telecommunications Association ("FCTA"), and Palm Beach Newspapers, Inc. ("PBN").

4.

On February 7, 1997, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-97-0128 ("Order") holding that BellSouth be required to eliminate the Residual Interconnection Charge ("RIC") and reduce

¹ FIXCA filed a Joint Proposal on behalf of its members and AT&T Telecommunications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T"), MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI"), Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership ("Sprint"), Florida Ad Hoc Telecommunications Association, Inc. ("Ad Hoc"), McCaw Communications ("McCaw"), and the Department of Defense ("DOD").

the Carrier Common Line Charge ("CCLC"). The rate reduction to eliminate the RIC was estimated to be \$34.3 million and the rate reduction required to reduce the CCL was estimated to be \$3.3 million. The Commission relied on forecasted estimates of demand for an eighth month period of 1996 in reaching a decision on these rate reductions. BellSouth has performed an updated forecast demand for the entirety of 1996 that affects the revenue reductions required to eliminate the RIC and therefore, seeks reconsideration/clarification as to the amounts required to eliminate the RIC and reduce the CCL.

5.

In Interrogatories served by the Commission Staff on BellSouth during the pendency of this docket, BellSouth furnished a forecast for the revenue impact of the RIC for the period of February through September of 1996. This forecast showed a revenue impact of \$34,312,104.00. Upon receipt of the Order, BellSouth performed an updated forecast for the RIC using the most current data for the entire year of 1996. This updated report shows a revenue impact of \$35,027,252.00 for the RIC, a difference of \$715,148.00.

6.

Based on the updated forecast and revenue projections for the RIC, BellSouth seeks reconsideration of the amount by which BellSouth was ordered to reduce the CCL. The Order states that the CCL is to be reduced by \$3.3 million. BellSouth seeks to reduce this amount by the \$715,148.00 to reflect the difference between the original RIC price out and the updated price out. Under BellSouth's request, the CCL would be reduced by approximately \$2.58 million.

BellSouth also seeks Reconsideration/Clarification of the pro rated portion of \$40.70 million subject to refund. 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 will reduce the refund amount by approximately \$.5 million.

8.

BellSouth believes its request is fair and reasonable and will not prejudice any of the parties to this docket.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth requests that its Motion for Reconsideration/Clarification be granted and that the Commission adopt BellSouth's position on the issue discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of February, 1997.

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