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April 12, 1991

Melanie Ann Hines
Statewide Prosecutor
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Re: Dockets Nos. 900960-TL and 910163-TL

Dear Ms. Hines:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation Tuesday, April 9, this is to confirm that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission has postponed the depositions of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company employees that had been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1991, through Friday, April 12, 1991. We have taken this action as a result of your statement that taking these depositions at this time might delay or hinder your ongoing criminal investigation of activities by Southern Bell. You also stated that these depositions might obfuscate the issues involved in your investigation and that more reliable information might be obtained if public depositions are not taken at this time. Based on your statement that other methods of discovery would not impair your ongoing investigation, we will proceed with all other forms of discovery in our investigation of these matters.

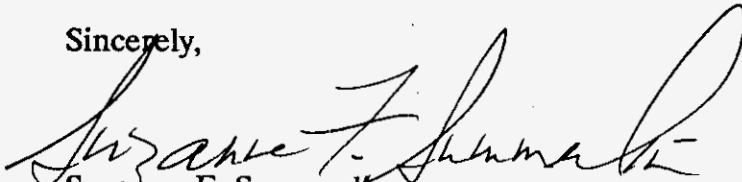
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Regarding your preference that our taking of depositions be delayed indefinitely, until your agency has completed its investigation, I have been authorized to delay taking depositions for the next 60 days. During that period we will contact you to coordinate the depositions we will be scheduling to assure that we do not impede your investigation. In the meantime, please let us know if the progress of your investigation would allow us to take those depositions sooner than 60 days.

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We remain ready to cooperate and assist your agency in these matters, and thank you in advance for your like cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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cc: Steve Tribble
All Parties of Record