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RE: <u>Docket Nos. 920260-TL, 900960-TL, 910163-TL, 910727-TL</u>

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-93-0876-CFO-TL. Please file this document in the above-captioned dockets.

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

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

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

Docket No. 900960-TL

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

In re: Investigation into Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's compliance with Rule 25-4.110(2), F.A.C., Rebates Docket No. 910727-TL

Filed: June 21, 1993

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER NO. PSC-93-0876-CFO-TL

COMES NOW, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company ("Southern Bell" or "Company"), and files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, its Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-93-0876-CFO-TL, issued on June 10, 1993 by the Prehearing Officer in the above-referenced dockets.

1. On February 17, 1993, Southern Bell filed a Request for Confidential Classification ("Request") for certain portions of Schedule E-lA of the Company's Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) which Southern Bell revised at Staff's request. This information depicts Southern Bell's unit cost information for each Universal

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Service Order Code (USOC) relating to the local transport and local switching elements of the Company's switched access service.

- 2. On June 10, 1993, the Prehearing Officer issued Order No. PSC-93-0876-CFO-TL denying the Company's Request for Confidentiality.
- 3. In her discussion of the reasons for denying Southern Bell's Request for Confidentiality, the Prehearing Officer made mistakes of fact and overlooked or failed to consider important reasons why the subject information should be kept confidential.
- 4. The Order clearly acknowledges that the information in question is in fact actual unit cost information for discrete switched access elements. Order, at p. 2. However, the crucial mistake of fact is contained on the same page of the Order wherein the Prehearing Officer states that:

"No harm will result from the availability of this material because actual costs cannot be derived from the instant information and it lacks sufficient specificity to be of use to a competitor." <u>Id</u>.

This mistaken conclusion of fact is inexplicable given the Prehearing Officer's previous acknowledgment that the information discloses Southern Bell's unit incremental costs. Clearly, the costs shown are the "actual" economic costs used for business decision making. Moreover, the cost figures are used by the Company to support its tariffed intrastate switched access service rates. These costs represent Southern Bell's incremental costs for the provision of the discrete switched access elements

listed on Schedule E-1a. The specificity of these costs as depicted in the Schedule relate to the applicable billing units for the tariffed rate elements also shown on the Schedule, and are therefore as specific as such costs can be determined at this level. Consequently, the Prehearing Officer's statement that the costs lack "specificity" is simply erroneous and should be reconsidered.

5. The potential competitive harm to Southern Bell must not only be viewed in the context of the present circumstances, but must also be considered in the context of circumstances known or likely in the immediate future. Although at the present time there is no direct substitute for Southern Bell switched access services, Alternative Access Vendors (AAVs) currently compete against Southern Bell's special access services in the State of These alternative special access services present an Florida. alternative for switched access services. Other factors may also have a significant impact on the extent of the competition faced by Southern Bell's access services, including pending FCC action on both special and switched access collocation and interconnection and the pending Intermedia application before the Florida Commission for collocation and interconnection of special access and private line services. Southern Bell's switched access cost data by rate element will be useful to competitors and potential competitors in making decisions regarding entry, pricing, marketing, and overall business strategies and regarding whether or not such competition would likely be viable as

compared to Southern Bell's competing services. Moreover,
Southern Bell's cost levels are significant to its competitors or
potential competitors because costs form the practical floor for
prices. If a competitor knows Southern Bell's costs to provide
these access service elements, it will also have a much clearer
picture of its competitive entry and pricing options vis-a-vis
Southern Bell.

- 6. Southern Bell cannot obtain similar cost information from its competitors or potential competitors and, therefore, the public disclosure of Southern Bell's cost information would give its competitors an unfair advantage over the Company since these competitors would then have a picture of Southern Bell's cost structure for competitive services.
- 7. Finally, based on the Prehearing Officer's faulty logic, if individual cost elements are not afforded confidential classification, and enough of these cost elements are publicly disclosed, Southern bell's total cost structure and levels would eventually be disclosed. This is analogous to the Commission allowing public disclosure of all the individual pieces to the puzzle while, at the same time, purportedly acknowledging that the completed puzzle itself would be entitled to confidential classification. This incongruent rationale is both untenable and would clearly lead to the public disclosure of Southern Bell's proprietary cost of service data. If this were to occur, southern Bell's competitors could reconstruct Southern Bell's serving arrangements with all their attendant costs and thereby

"look inside" the Company's network provisioning. Such information is unquestionably of competitive value.

Based on the foregoing, Southern Bell moves the Prehearing Officer to reconsider those portions of Order No.

PSC-93-0876-CFO-TL pertaining to the switched access services element specific unit costs and to find that such information is entitled to confidential classification.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of June, 1993.

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