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August 3, 1998

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Re: Docket No. 980696-TP (HB4785) Universal Service

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Objections to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents, which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. White
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the Cost of Basic) Docket No.: 980696-TP
Local Telecommunications Service, pursuant)
to Section 364.025, Florida Statutes)
_____) Dated: August 3, 1998

**OBJECTIONS OF BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TO STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, submits its objections to the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission ("Staff") Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-3) ("Staff's 1st PODs"), served on July 29, 1998, by U.S. Mail, stating as follows:

The objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the five-day requirement set forth in the procedural order issued by the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") (Order No. PSC-98-0813-PCO-TP). The five-day requirement is unprecedented and unduly burdensome. It provides inadequate time to carefully analyze and digest the nature and scope of the discovery requests, especially when the discovery is hand-delivered to BellSouth. Consequently, in order to avoid inadvertent waiver of its objection rights, BellSouth must initially object to all discovery requests. It is not BellSouth's intention by doing so to unduly delay responses to legitimate discovery requests. Should additional grounds for objection be discovered as BellSouth prepares its Answers to this request, BellSouth reserves the right to revise, supplement or modify its objections. Moreover, should BellSouth determine that a Protective Order is necessary with

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respect to any of the material requested by Staff, BellSouth reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission seeking such an order.

Production of Documents

1. BellSouth objects to Staff's 2nd POD, No. 2 on the grounds that these requests are premature, not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action.

BellSouth objected to AT&T's 2nd PODs on these same grounds.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of August, 1998.

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