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October 12, 1998

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayo
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RE: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and 15 copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s, Request for Confidential Classification. 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.

Sincerely,


Mary K. Keyer

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the Cost)
of Basic Local Telecommunications) Docket No.: 980696-TP
Service, pursuant to Section 364.025,)
Florida Statutes)
_____) Dated: October 12, 1998

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereby files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, its Request For Confidential Classification, and states the following:

1. On September 17, 1998, BellSouth filed its response to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents. In its response, BellSouth identified certain information responsive to Requests 40 and 41 that was available for review subject to certain conditions. Staff has reviewed those documents and requested copies of specific pages, some of which contain proprietary, confidential business information. BellSouth is now filing a Request for Confidential Classification for the subject information produced in response to Requests 40 and 41.

2. BellSouth has appended to this Request for Confidential Classification as Attachment A a listing of the location of the information designated by BellSouth as proprietary.

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3. Appended hereto as Attachment B are two copies of the subject exhibit with the proprietary information deleted.

4. Appended hereto as Attachment C is a sealed envelope containing one copy of the exhibit, including the material which is proprietary.

5. The subject exhibit contains information related to BellSouth's business plans, forecasts, and detailed financial and strategic information, which is considered proprietary to BellSouth. This data is valuable to competitors and potential competitors in formulating strategic plans for entry, pricing, marketing, and overall business strategies. This same information on competitors is not available to BellSouth or its affiliated companies. If this information were disclosed publicly, it would damage the competitive interests of BellSouth. Accordingly, this information is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 364.183(3)(e).

6. BellSouth has treated and intends to continue to treat the information for which confidential classification is sought as private, and this information has not been generally disclosed.

7. The original of this Request has been filed with the Division of Records and Reporting, and a copy has been served on the Division requesting the information.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, BellSouth moves the Commission to enter an order declaring the information described above to be confidential, proprietary business information that is not subject to public disclosure.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of October, 1998.

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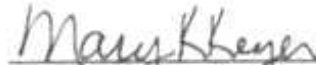
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ATTACHMENT A

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Staff's 3rd Document Request
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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF DATA FILED IN RESPONSE TO FPSC STAFF'S 3rd REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS ON AUGUST 28, 1998 IN DOCKET 980696-TP

Explanation of Proprietary Information

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