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Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director Division of Records and Reporting Room 110, Easley Building Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: FPSC Docket No. 990649-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. are an original and fifteen copies of AT&T's Request for Confidential Classification in the above-referenced docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

for a "telco" for DN O 8630-00. No ruling is required unless the material is subject to a request per 119.07, FS, or is admitted in the

record per Rule 25-22.006(8)(b), FAC.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely. Floyd R. Self This confidentiality request was filed by or

FRS/amb Enclosure cc: Marsha Rule, Esq.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Docket No. 990649-TP Filed: July 24, 2000

In re: Investigation into pricing of unbundled network elements

AT&T's REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T"), pursuant to section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, submits this Request for Confidential Classification of the documents and information described below which have been introduced by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and identified as Hearing Exhibit 31 in connection with the Phase I hearings before the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above captioned docket. In support of this Request for Confidential Classification, AT&T states as follows:

1. In BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories, Numbers 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, and 25, and BellSouth's First Request for Production of Documents, Numbers 1 and 2, BellSouth sought discovery of various 1998 and 1999 depreciation lives for AT&T switching, transport, signaling, and other network assets. AT&T objected to the production of such information on confidentiality and relevancy grounds.

2. Based upon subsequent discussions between counsel for BellSouth and AT&T, AT&T agreed to produce certain information to BellSouth in a spirit of cooperation and compromise, while reserving its relevancy and admissibility objections. AT&T provided this information to BellSouth by letter dated July 14, 2000. AT&T specifically noted as part of its production that the information was being produced to BellSouth pursuant to the Protective Agreement between the parties in this proceeding. During the July 17, 2000, hearing in this docket, BellSouth introduced these AT&T confidential materials, and they were identified for the record as Hearing Exhibit 31. Later that day, AT&T filed with the Commission it's Claim for ATE

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Confidential Treatment for Hearing Exhibit 31, which included two redacted copies and one copy with the confidential information highlighted.

3. AT&T requests that Hearing Exhibit 31 continue to be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes. The information and documents at issue are intended to be and are treated by AT&T as private, proprietary, and confidential. This Exhibit, at pages 2-7, within the table on each page (all columns and all rows) contain the depreciation lives for AT&T network equipment and facilities. This information identifies the equipment and facilities deployed by AT&T, which would enable a competitor to ascertain the overall design of AT&T's network, the potential capacity of such equipment as well as the network itself, and the overall financial commitment to the network. This knowledge also would enable a competitor to ascertain the strengths and weaknesses in AT&T's network and to discern AT&T's business strategies. This information constitutes both trade secrets and information that relates to the competitive interests of AT&T, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of AT&T.

4. The redacted and unredacted copies of Hearing Exhibit 31 were provided with the Claim for Confidential Treatment that was filed with the Commission on July 17th, and AT&T requests that those copies be incorporated into this Request without providing additional, duplicate redacted and unredacted copies. Further, the copies distributed by BellSouth at the hearing on Monday were not redacted copies and did not have the confidential information highlighted. While BellSouth did not distribute copies to the parties, copies were distributed to the Commissioners, the Staff, and the Court Reporter. If any of these copies remain, AT&T requests that they be collected and either added to the confidential file within the Commission's

Records and Reporting Division or the materials should be returned to undersigned counsel for AT&T.

5. AT&T requests that the information for which it seeks confidential classification remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in Section 364.183(4), Florida Statutes. The time period requested is necessary given the competitively sensitive nature of the information.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, AT&T respectfully requests that its Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2000.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification in Docket No. 990649-TP has been furnished by Hand Delivery (*) and/or Overnight Delivery to the following parties of record this 24th day of July, 2000:

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