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Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 991378-TL (Show Cause)

Dear Ms. Bayó:

On December 8, 2000, R. Earl Poucher filed Direct Testimony on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel in the above referenced matter. Mr. Poucher's testimony includes information that BellSouth considers proprietary. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. hereby requests that Mr. Poucher's testimony be treated under a claim for confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 25-22.006.

if you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. White

cc: All parties of record Marshall M. Criser III R. Douglas Lackey

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 991378-TL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via

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