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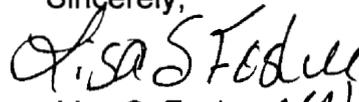
Re: 960786-A-TL (Section 271)

Dear Mrs. Bayó:

Enclosed is the original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Specified Confidential Classification for its Responses to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents, Item No. 43 (Attachments 1 & 2 – CD ROMs) which we ask that you file 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 to the parties by Federal Express as shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Consideration of BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc.'s entry into) Docket No. 960786-A-TL
interLATA services pursuant to Section)
271 of the Federal Telecommunications)
Act of 1996.)
_____) Filed: October 11, 2001

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

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

1. On September 20, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed its Responses to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents, Item No. 43 (Attachments 1 & 2 in CD-ROM format). The Responses contain vendor-specific and cost information that is considered confidential and proprietary to BellSouth.

2. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.06(3)(a), BellSouth is now filing a Request for Confidential Classification for the subject information because the information contained in BellSouth's Responses to Staff Third Request for Production of Documents Item No. 43 (Attachments 1 & 2) which contains vendor-specific and cost information that is considered confidential and proprietary to BellSouth. Additionally, this information is valuable and BellSouth strives to keep it secret. Pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, such information is classified as proprietary confidential business information. A more specific description of this

information is contained in Attachment A. Accordingly, it should be held exempt from the public disclosure requirements of Section 119.07, Florida Statutes.

3. 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.

4. Appended hereto as Attachment B is a sealed envelope containing one copy of the two CD-ROMs which include material that is confidential and proprietary.

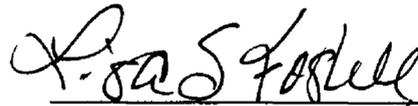
WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, BellSouth moves the Commission to enter an order declaring the information described above to be confidential, proprietary business information that is not subject to public disclosure.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of October, 2001.

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ATTACHMENT A

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
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Request for Confidential Classification
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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF BELLSOUTH'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S 3RD REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, ITEM NO. 43 (Attachments 1 and 2, CD ROMs), FILED SEPTEMBER 20, 2001 IN FLORIDA DOCKET NO. 960786-A-TL

Explanation of Proprietary Information

1. This information reflects vendor specific pricing negotiated by BellSouth. Public disclosure of this information would impair BellSouth's ability to contract for goods and/or services on favorable terms. Pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes such information is classified as proprietary, confidential business information which is exempt from the Open Records Act.
2. This information reflects BellSouth's cost to provide certain services. The public disclosure of this information would provide BellSouth's competitors with an advantage in that they would know the price or rate below which BellSouth could not provide the service, therefore, it would be inequitable and unfair for BellSouth's competitors to have access to BellSouth's cost information. In addition, this information is valuable, it is used by BellSouth in conducting its business and BellSouth strives to keep it secret. Therefore, such information is a trade secret which should be classified as proprietary, confidential business information pursuant to 364.183, Florida Statutes and is exempt from the Open Records Act.

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Attachments 1 and 2 – CD Roms

<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Entire CD	1 and 2