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RE: Docket No. [REDACTED]-TP; 960346-TP; 960916-TP

Dear Mrs. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Objections to MCI's First Set of Interrogatories. 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,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petitions by AT&T)
 Communications of the Southern)
 States, Inc., MCI) Docket No. 960833-TP
 Telecommunications Corporation,)
 MCI Metro Access Transmission)
 Services, Inc., American) Docket No. 960846-TP
 Communications Services, Inc.)
 and American Communications)
 Services of Jacksonville, Inc.) Docket No. 960916-TP
 for arbitration of certain terms)
 and conditions of a proposed)
 agreement with BellSouth)
 Telecommunications, Inc.)
 concerning interconnection and) Filed: September 27, 1996
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 Telecommunications Act of 1996)
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BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
 OBJECTIONS TO MCI'S FIRST
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth" or "Company"), hereby files, pursuant to Rule 25-22.034 and 25-22.035, Florida Administrative Code, and Rules 1.340 and 1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits the following Objections to MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc.'s ("MCI") First Set of Interrogatories to BellSouth.

The objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the ten-day requirement set forth in the procedural order issued by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned arbitration docket. Should additional grounds for objection be discovered as BellSouth prepares its Answers to the

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above-referenced set of requests, BellSouth reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its Answers on MCI. Moreover, should BellSouth determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the material requested by MCI, BellSouth reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission seeking such an order at the time that it serves its Answers on MCI.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

BellSouth makes the following General Objections to MCI's First Set of Interrogatories which will be incorporated by reference into BellSouth's specific responses when its Answers are served on MCI.

1. BellSouth objects to the interrogatories to the extent that such interrogatories seek to impose an obligation on BellSouth to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such requests are overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules.

2. BellSouth has interpreted MCI's interrogatories to apply to BellSouth's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its Answers accordingly. To the extent that any interrogatory is intended to apply to matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the

Commission, BellSouth objects to such interrogatory as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

3. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory and instruction to the extent that such interrogatory or instruction calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.

4. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory insofar as the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of these interrogatories. Any Answers provided by BellSouth in response to MCI's interrogatories will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

5. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory insofar as the request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action. BellSouth will attempt to note each instance where this objection applies.

6. BellSouth objects to MCI's discovery requests, instructions and definitions, insofar as they seek to impose obligations on BellSouth that exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida Law.

7. BellSouth objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission.

8. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory, insofar as it is unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.

9. BellSouth objects to each and every interrogatory to the extent that the information requested constitute "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that MCI's interrogatories request proprietary confidential business information which is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege, BellSouth will make such information available to counsel for MCI pursuant to an appropriate Protective Agreement, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.

10. BellSouth is a large corporation with employees located in many different locations in Florida and in other states. In the course of its business, BellSouth creates countless documents that are not subject to Florida Public Service Commission or FCC retention of records requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations that are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every document has been provided in response to these discovery

requests. Rather, these responses provide all of the information obtained by BellSouth after a reasonable and diligent search conducted in connection with this discovery request. BellSouth has complied with MCI's request that a search be conducted of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information. To the extent that the discovery request purports to require more, BellSouth objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense.

OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC INTERROGATORIES

9. With respect to Interrogatory Nos. 1-34, BellSouth objects to these requests to the extent that it applies to areas other than BellSouth's regulated intrastate operations in Florida. To the extent that any request is intended to apply to matters other than Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, BellSouth objects to such requests as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of September, 1996.

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