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Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification. Please file these documents in the captioned matter.

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 shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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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: August 24, 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 August 3, 1998, BellSouth filed the Direct Testimony of Daonne Caldwell. At the same time, BellSouth filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification of certain information contained in an Exhibit (DDC-1) to Ms. Caldwell's testimony. BellSouth is now filing a Request for Confidential Classification for the subject information.

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.

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.

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5. The subject exhibit contains information related to prices that BellSouth has negotiated with specific vendors. Specifically, the subject information entails the switch discounts that BellSouth receives on particular types of switches. Each type of switch is made by a particular manufacturer and offered by a particular vendor. Thus, the identification of the switch type makes identification of the vendor fairly easy. The retail switch prices are publicly available. Therefore, if the switch discounts were publicly disclosed, the discounted prices would be readily ascertainable.

6. Not only does BellSouth treat this information as proprietary, it is required by its contracts with the various vendors to do so. Therefore, this information is proprietary, confidential business information as that term is defined by Section 364.183(3)(d), Florida Statutes. Accordingly, it should be held exempt from the public disclosure requirements of Section 119.07, Florida Statutes.

7. 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.

8. The original of this Notice 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 24th day of August, 1998.

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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION Of Daonne Caldwell Exhibit DDC-1, August 3, 1998 filed IN DOCKET NO. 980696-TP

Explanation of Proprietary Information

1. This information reflects vendor specific prices negotiated by BellSouth. Public disclosure of this information would impair BellSouth's ability to contract for goods and 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.

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