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September 28, 1998

Mrs. Blanca S. Bayó Director, Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

### Re: Docket No. 980733-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Responses and Objections to the Attorney General's Fourth Request for Production of Documents, which we served today. Please file them 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.

ACK -Sincerely. AFA ---Mary K. Keyer APP -CAF CMU. CTR ----Enclosures EAG LEC \_\_\_\_\_ All parties of record A. M. Lombardo R. G. Beatty William J. Ellenberg II (w/o enclosures) 0' - --RCH -SEU ---RECEIVED & FILED DOCUMENT NUMPER-DATE WAS ----689 SEP 28 8 OTH ---FRSC-RECOMPS/REPORTING

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Discovery for Study on Fair & ) Reasonable Rates and on Relationships) Among Costs and Charges Associated ) with Certain Telecommunications ) Services Provided by LECs, as ) Required by Chapter 98-277. ) Docket No.: 98J733-TL

Filed: September 28, 1998

# BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S FOURTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), files pursuant to Rule 25-22.034, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 1.350, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, its Responses and Objections to the Attorney General's ("Attorney General") Fourth Request for Production of Documents dated August 28, 1998.

#### GENERAL RESPONSES

1. BellSouth objects to the Attorney General's proposed "Instruction" relating to details of privileged documents. To the extent a document responsive to any of the requests is subject to an applicable privilege, some of the information requested by the Attorney General would be similarly privileged and therefore not subject to discovery. Notwithstanding this objection, BellSouth agrees to identify any documents withheld on the basis of privilege.

2. With regard to the Attorney General's definition of "document" or "documents", BellSouth has made a diligent, good faith attempt to locate

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documents responsive to the scope of the Attorney General's individual requests for documents.

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3. BellSouth objects to the Attorney General's definition of "you" and "your." It appears that the Attorney General, through its definition of these words, is attempting to obtain discovery of information in the possession, custody, or control of entities that are not parties to this docket. Requests for Production may only be directed to parties, and any attempt by the Attorney General to obtain discovery from non-parties should be prohibited. <u>See</u> Rule 1.340, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure; <u>Broward v. Kerr</u>, 454 So. 2d 1068 (4th D.C.A. 1984).

4. BellSouth does not believe it was the Attorney General's intent to require BellSouth to produce again the same documents previously produced in other dockets, but to the extent it does, BellSouth objects on the basis that such a request would be unduly burdensome, oppressive, and unnecessary, and for these reasons is prohibited.

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSES**

The following Specific Responses are given subject to the above-stated General Responses and Objections.

30. Please provide unredacted copies of all documents requested by any party in this docket to date, and please provide unredacted responses to all Interrogatories served by any party to date. Documents previously produced need not be produced again.

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**Response:** BellSouth will produce the requested documents it has produced to date subject to the Protective Agreement executed by the Attorney General on August 18, 1998.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of September, 1998.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 980733-TL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via Hand-Delivery this 28th day of September, 1998, to the following:

Michael A. Gross Assistant General Attorney Office of the Attorney General PL-01 The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

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