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Ms. Blanca Bayo
Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL32399-0850

Re: CONFIDENTIAL filing in Docket 991378-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

This letter forwards the CONFIDENTIAL direct testimony of R. Earl Poucher for filing in docket 991378-TL. This testimony must be treated as confidential for the time being because it contains and discusses documents provided to our office by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., that the company claims are confidential. The documents are currently subject to a temporary protective order issued by the Prehearing Officer.

We believe that BellSouth must now file a specific request for a protective order pursuant to Commission rule 25-22.006(6)(c). Once BellSouth files this request, we will file redacted copies of the testimony. When the Commission enters a final order on BellSouth's request, we will file an update.

Thank you for your assistance. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Beck
Deputy Public Counsel

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