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Re: Dockets Nos. 900960-TL and 910163-TL

Dear Charlie:

I have received your letter of March 29, 1991, reflecting your intent to cancel your participation in any further depositions in these dockets, such as those currently scheduled for next week, April 10, 11 and 12, 1991. I understand that it is your view, after consulting with the Florida Attorney General's office, that such depositions would hinder the investigation by the Office of Statewide Prosecutor and the Attorney General's economic crimes unit of possible criminal activities by Southern Bell.

The Florida Public Service Commission has received no formal request from the Florida Attorney General's office to cancel these depositions or to delay its further investigation into these matters. In the event such a request is received, the Commission would certainly give it due consideration. The Commission has an affirmative statutory obligation to investigate these matters, and absent a request accompanied by sufficient information to justify a delay, the Commission cannot consider delaying its investigation. [As you know, state agencies in general, and the Commission specifically, are subject to criticism for being dilatory in the performance of their duties.] Therefore, it is our intent to proceed with the depositions as scheduled.

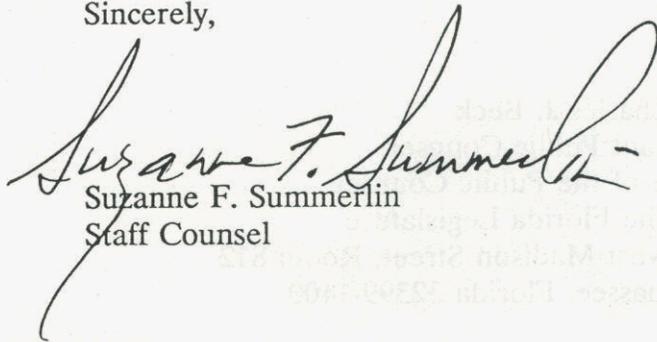
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Call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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