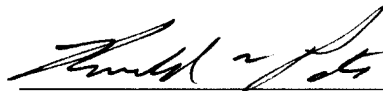


STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Leon

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared Ronald M. Pate, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., being by me first duly sworn deposed and said that:

He is appearing as a witness before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in "The Petition by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., and TCG of Ohio for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252," Commission Case No. 2000-465, and if present before the Commission and duly sworn, his rebuttal testimony would be set forth in the annexed transcript consisting of 81 pages and 7 exhibit(s).



Ronald M. Pate

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this
14th day of Feb., 2001.


NOTARY PUBLIC



Tanya W. Lynn
MY COMMISSION # CC673581 EXPIRES
September 8, 2001
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