

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY :
COMMISSION, and :
MELVIA CLEMMONS, et al., :

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Plaintiffs,

vs.

CIVIL ACTION 01-0087-CB-S

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, :
INC., :

Defendant.

ORDER


This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Production of Documents and Memorandum in Support of Motion to Compel Production of Documents (Docs. 30 and 31); Defendant's Motion for Protective Order (Doc. 35); Bellsouth's Opposition to EEOC's Motion to Compel (Doc. 36); Memorandum of EEOC in Opposition to Motion of Defendant for Protective Order (Doc. 39); Plaintiff-Intervenors' Joint Response to Order to Show Cause (Doc. 40); Bellsouth's Notice of Filing Declaration in Support of Motion for Protective Order (Doc. 42); and EEOC's Notice of Submission of Proposed Protective Order (Doc. 44). These matters came before the Court for oral argument on October 31, 2001, with the parties participating by telephone conference.

During the conference, the Court directed that the EEOC and Bellsouth present the Court with proposed protective orders responsive to the issues discussed during the hearing. Those protective orders have been produced and reviewed by the Court, and upon consideration of all matters presented, the Court finds that the protective order proposed by the EEOC is appropriate

under the circumstances and facts of this action. Therefore, that proposed order is adopted by the Court and has been executed and filed with the Clerk of Court.

During the hearing, Plaintiffs' counsel suggested that Defendant's production of documents pursuant to the protective order may resolve the issues raised by Plaintiffs in the Motion to Compel. Therefore, the Motion to Compel is DENIED with leave to refile to address any discovery issues that remain after the protective order is entered and Defendant produces documents subject to that Order.

DONE and ORDERED this 5th day of October, 2001.



WILLIAM H. STEELE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE