

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

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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 cause is before the Court on Defendant's Motion for Protective Order Under Rule 26(c)(5) (Doc. 34). This Motion was discussed during a telephone conference conducted on October 5, 2001. Participating during the conference were attorneys Eunice Morrow, Jill Vincent, and Charles Guerrier for the Plaintiffs, and Chris Mitchell and Charles Powell for the Defendant. In this motion, Defendant is seeking a protective order sequestering Plaintiffs and preventing them from attending each other's depositions and precluding any Plaintiff and their Attorneys from disclosing or discussing their testimony either directly or indirectly with any other Plaintiff until the completion of all fourteen Plaintiffs' depositions.

A protective order of the nature sought by Defendant may be entered by a Court during the course of discovery but only upon good cause shown. Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(c)(5). A review of Defendant's Motion compels the conclusion that Defendant has failed to demonstrate good cause for entry of a protective order which would exclude these party deponents from attending the

depositions of their co-plaintiffs. Therefor, Defendant's motion for protective order is DENIED.

DONE and ORDERED this 9th day of October, 2001.



WILLIAM H. STEELE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE