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Re: Docket No. 030851-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (collectively "MCI"), are an original and fifteen copies of MCI's Preliminary Objections to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents in the above referenced docket.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re: Implementation of Requirements	)	
Arising From Federal Communications	)	Docket No.: 030851-TP
Commission Triennial UNE Review:	)	
Local Circuit Switching for Mass	)	Filed: October 16, 2003
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**MCI's PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS TO BELLSOUTH'S  
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES (Nos. 1-84) AND  
FIRST REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (Nos. 1-21)**

MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (hereinafter "MCI"), pursuant to the *Order Establishing Procedure*, Order No. PSC-03-1054-PCO-TP, issued September 22, 2003 (hereinafter "*Procedural Order*"), Rule 28-106.206 of the Florida Administrative Code, and Rules 1.280 and 1.340 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby generally and specifically objects to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s (hereinafter "BellSouth") First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents to MCI, served on October 9, 2003. The Objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the seven-day requirement set forth in Order No. PSC-03-1054-PCO-TP, by the Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") in the above-referenced docket.

A. General Objections

MCI makes the following General Objections to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents, including the applicable definitions and general instructions therein ("BellSouth discovery"), which as appropriate will be incorporated into each relevant response when MCI's responses are served on BellSouth.

1. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery seeks to impose an obligation on MCI to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, affiliates, or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such discovery is overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules. MCI further objects to any and all BellSouth discovery that seeks to obtain information from MCI for MCI subsidiaries, affiliates, or other related MCI entities that are not certificated by the Commission.

2. MCI has interpreted the BellSouth discovery to apply to MCI's regulated intrastate operations in Florida and will limit its responses accordingly. To the extent that any BellSouth discovery is intended to apply to matters that take place outside the state of Florida and which are not related to Florida intrastate operations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, MCI objects to such request as irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive.

3. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.

4. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery insofar as such discovery is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of these requests. Any responses provided by MCI in response to the BellSouth discovery will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.

5. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery insofar as such discovery is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action.

6. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery insofar as it seeks information or documents, or seek to impose obligations on MCI which exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida law.

7. MCI objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Florida Public Service Commission or which is already in the possession, custody, or control of BellSouth.

8. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery is overly broad, unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive, or excessively time consuming as written.

9. MCI objects to each and every request to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that BellSouth's requests seek proprietary confidential business information which is not the subject of the "trade secrets" privilege, MCI will make such information available to counsel for BellSouth pursuant to an appropriate Protective Agreement, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.

10. MCI is a large corporation with employees located in many different locations in Florida and in other states. In the course of its business, MCI creates countless documents that are not subject to Florida Public Service Commission or FCC retention of records requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations and are frequently moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as the business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every document has been identified in response to these requests. MCI will conduct a reasonable and diligent search of those files that are reasonably expected to contain the requested information. To the extent that the BellSouth discovery purports to require more, MCI objects on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense.

11. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery that seeks to obtain “all,” “each,” or “every” document, item, customer, or other such piece of information to the extent that such discovery is overly broad and unduly burdensome. Any answers that MCI may provide in response to the BellSouth discovery will be provided subject to, and without waiver or, this objection.

12. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent such discovery seeks to have MCI create documents not in existence at the time of the request.

13. MCI objects to the BellSouth discovery to the extent that such discovery is not limited to any stated period of time or a stated period of time that is longer than is relevant for purposes of the issues in this docket, as such discovery is overly broad and unduly burdensome.

14. In light of the short period of time MCI has been afforded to respond to the BellSouth discovery, the development of MCI’s positions and potentially responsive information to the BellSouth requests is necessarily ongoing and continuing. This process is further complicated since at this point in time, the actual issues to be set forth for hearing in this docket have not yet been established by order of the Commission. Accordingly, these are preliminary objections to comply with the Commission’s September 22, 2003, order MCI reserves the right to supplement, revise, or modify its objections at the time that it serves its actual responses to the BellSouth discovery. However, MCI does not assume an affirmative obligation to supplement its answers on an ongoing basis, contrary to the BellSouth General Instruction.

#### B. Specific Objections

MCI makes the following Specific Objections to BellSouth’s First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents, including the applicable definitions and general

instructions expressed therein (“BellSouth discovery”), which as appropriate will be incorporated into each relevant response when MCI’s responses are served on BellSouth.

15. MCI objects to the definition of “voice-grade equivalent lines,” and each and every interrogatory or request for production that includes such term, as this term is not used by MCI in the course of its business. Given MCI’s business records, MCI will answer such discovery by providing information regarding MCI’s DSOs.

16. MCI objects to each and every interrogatory or request for production that seeks information regarding enterprise customers as such discovery is irrelevant for purposes of this docket and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence since the scope of this proceeding, as set forth by the FCC and the Commission, is limited to local circuit switching for mass market customers.

17. MCI objects to each and every interrogatory or request for production that seeks information regarding non-switched services (e.g., services that do not depend on local Class 5 switches) except for non-switched services (e.g., DSL) provided on loops that are also used to provide switched services), as such discovery is irrelevant for purposes of this docket and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence since the scope of this proceeding, as set forth by the FCC and the Commission, is limited to local circuit switching for mass market customers.

18. MCI objects to each and every interrogatory or request for production that seeks information regarding MCI’s operations in ILEC service areas other than the BellSouth ILEC service area within the state of Florida as such information is irrelevant to BellSouth’s case in this docket and such discovery is overly broad and unduly burdensome.

19. MCI objects to each and every interrogatory or request for production that seeks to obtain information regarding “former officers, employees, agents, directors, and all other persons acting or purporting to act on behalf of MCI” as such information is not within MCI’s control, would be unduly burdensome to attempt to obtain and is likely irrelevant.

20. MCI objects to the definitions for “qualifying service” and “non-qualifying service,” and each and every interrogatory or request for production that includes such terms, as MCI does not use such terms in the ordinary course of business and answering in these terms would require MCI to provide a legal interpretation of the FCC’s terms. With the exception of the specific services the FCC has designated as qualifying or non-qualifying, the term is not clearly defined by the FCC or by BellSouth. For example, as the FCC stated in footnote 466 of the TRO Order (FCC 03-36, released August 21, 2003), “Our list is intended to identify general categories of services that would qualify as eligible services. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list or to identify services in a more particular manner.” Thus, such discovery is overly broad and it would be unduly burdensome for MCI to respond to such ambiguous discovery.

21. MCI objects to the definitions for “hot cut,” “batch hot cut,” and “individual hot cut,” and each and every interrogatory or request for production that includes such terms, as such definitions are vague in that it is not clear whether or to what extent BellSouth’s practices are consistent with the FCC’s use of such terms, however such terms may be defined by the FCC. Thus, such discovery is overly broad and it would be unduly burdensome for MCI to respond to such ambiguous discovery. MCI further objects to BellSouth’s use of such terms as they apply to BellSouth’s individual hot cut process as MCI is not privy to each and every process or procedure employed by BellSouth in implementing such hot cuts.

22. MCI objects to each and every interrogatory or request for production that seeks information regarding MCI's projections regarding future services, revenues, marketing strategies, equipment deployments, or other such future business plans as such requests are trade secrets and, for purposes of this proceeding, would be highly speculative and irrelevant to the issues to be decided in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.



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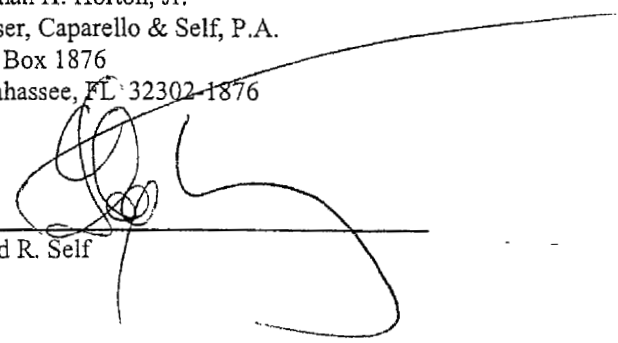
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