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Re: MCI Arbitration Against GTEFL
Docket No. 960980-TP

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Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI metro Access Transmission Services, Inc. are the original and fifteen copies of pages 1 and 2 of the prefiled direct testimony of Paul Powers.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Mr. Drew Caplan will be unable to testify on behalf of MCI in this proceeding. MCI intends to substitute Mr. Powers for Mr. Caplan. Except for the statement of background and experience appearing on pages 1-2 of the testimony, Mr. Powers will adopt and sponsor the testimony as prefiled by Mr. Caplan on August 26, 1996.

Accordingly, please substitute the enclosed pages 1 and 2 of Mr. Powers' testimony for pages 1 and 2 of Mr. Caplan's testimony previously filed in this docket.

By copy of this letter, the enclosed document is being furnished to the parties on the attached service list.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PAUL R. POWERS
ON BEHALF OF
MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND
MCImetro ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC
(MCI/GTEFL ARBITRATION DOCKET)
(SUBSTITUTE FOR AUGUST 26, 1996 TESTIMONY OF DREW CAPLAN)

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Paul R. Powers, and my business address is 8521 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia 22182.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am employed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation as Senior Staff Specialist II with MCI's Local Services Network Engineering. In this position I am responsible for the design and implementation of local interconnection between MCI and local exchange companies. I have also provided technical support for interconnection negotiations with Ameritech, US West, Pacific Bell and GTE.

Q. PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR BACKGROUND AND WORK EXPERIENCE.

A. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York

1 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of
2 Maryland Graduate School of Management. I have attended numerous
3 courses and seminars specific to the telecommunications industry,
4 including technical vendor training in switching.

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6 Before assuming my current position, I was a Technical Consultant II
7 with MCI's Government Systems Marketing group. In that capacity I
8 was the technical manager for government pay telephone contracts,
9 including contracts in the Pacific Bell, Ameritech, Bell Atlantic, and GTE
10 territories. Prior to that, I was a Staff Specialist for MCI's Network
11 Capacity Planning. In that position I designed circuit configurations and
12 physical plant locations for MCI's Operator Services network, forecasted
13 traffic and hardware and software requirements for shared voice and
14 data networks, and developed automated tracking systems to monitor
15 progress of local exchange company compliance with 800 and 900
16 service testing and evaluation requirements.

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18 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED?

19 A. No, but I did make a presentation on local interconnection and collocation
20 issues to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in August, 1996.

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22 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

23 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address the following topics: (1) *the*
24 *MCI Local Network*: an overview of the local network that MCI is
25 installing; (2) *the Interconnection of Networks*: the steps necessary to

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by hand delivery this 24th day of September, 1996.

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