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Bill Talbott
Executive Director
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Deferral Request -- Item 25 -- Docket No. 970166-TI

Dear Mr. Talbott:

MCI Telecommunications Corporation hereby requests that the Commission defer Item 25 of the May 6, 1997 agenda (Docket No. 970166-TI) for two agendas, that is, until June 10, 1997.

The primary staff recommendation in this docket states that MCI's Petition for Exemption does not meet the requirements of Section 120.542, Florida Statutes. MCI would like the opportunity to file a supplement to its petition to address this alleged deficiency before the matter is placed before the Commission for final action.

MCI hereby waives the 90-day deadline for Commission action on the exemption request in order to accommodate the requested deferral.

Counsel for MCI has conferred with both Mr. Taylor of the Division of Communications and Ms. Brown of the Division of Legal Services, who have indicated that they do not oppose this request.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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