

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by MCI)
Telecommunications Corporation)
for an order requiring BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Inc. to)
remove its deregulated payphone)
investment and associated)
expenses from its intrastate)
operations and reduce the Carrier)
Common Line rate element of its)
intrastate switched access charges)
by approximately \$36.5 million)
as required by the Federal)
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

Docket No. 970172-TP

In re: Petition by MCI)
Telecommunications Corporation)
for an order requiring GTE Florida)
Incorporated to remove its)
deregulated payphone investment)
and associated expenses from its)
intrastate operations and reduce)
the Carrier Common Line rate)
element of its intrastate switched)
access charges by approximately)
\$9.6 million as required by the)
Federal Telecommunications Act)
of 1996.)

Docket No. 970173-TP

In re: Establishment of)
intrastate implementation)
requirements governing federally)
mandated deregulation of local)
exchange company payphones)

Docket No. 970281-TL

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.037, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc. ("FPTA") hereby files its Motion to Accept Late-Filed Prehearing Statement in the above-referenced dockets and as grounds therefore states as follows:

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

1. On June 19, 1997, the Prehearing Officer issued Order No. PSC-97-0721-PCO-TP, setting forth the prehearing procedures and schedule of events to be followed in these dockets. In accordance with the Order, parties were required to file their Prehearing Statements by July 18, 1997.

2. Counsel for FPTA was scheduled to be out of town on the date the Prehearing Statement was due to be filed. Accordingly, FPTA's Prehearing Statement was prepared in advance of the trip and left with a support person for filing at the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC" or the "Commission") during Counsel's absence.

3. For reasons that remain unclear, it appears that FPTA's Prehearing Statement did not get filed at the Commission during Counsel's absence, nor did copies get served on the parties of record. Once this oversight was discovered, Counsel for FPTA contacted Staff Counsel and forwarded a copy of the Prehearing Statement by facsimile so that its contents could be incorporated into the draft Prehearing Order that was being prepared by Staff Counsel. In addition, copies of FPTA's Prehearing Statement, as well as this Motion, have been served upon all parties of record in these dockets.

4. In light of FPTA's oversight in failing to timely file its Prehearing Statement, FPTA hereby files this Motion to Accept Late-Filed Prehearing Statement. FPTA does not believe any of the parties have been prejudiced by FPTA's late filing of its

Prehearing Statement, nor will granting this Motion cause any further delays or inconvenience to any of the parties.

For the reasons stated above, FPTA requests that the Prehearing Officer grant this Motion and accept FPTA's late-filed prehearing statement.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29th day of July, 1997.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.'s Motion to Accept Late-Filed Prehearing Statement was furnished by U.S. Mail this 29th day of July, 1997, to the following parties of record:

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