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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
Director, Records & Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket 961230-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (collectively, "MCI") are 16 copies of MCI's correspondence to Sprint responding to Sprint's request to renegotiate certain provisions in the approved interconnection agreement.

By copy of this letter, this document has been furnished to the parties on the attached service list.

Very truly yours,

R.D.M.

Richard D. Melson

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Dear Mr. Caswell:

MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (MCIm) received your letter of August 18, 1997 on August 22, 1997. Sprint apparently interprets the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Iowa Utilities Board v. Federal Communications Commission*, et al. (No. 96-3321, 1997 WL 403401, 8th Cir. 1997) as changing the framework of the FCC regulations applicable to the negotiations and arbitration of the MCIm/Sprint Interconnection Agreement for Florida. Sprint asserts that the changes to FCC regulations governing the negotiations of the Florida Interconnection Agreement equate to changes requiring renegotiations.

MCIm does not necessarily agree that the decision rendered any provisions of the Agreement "insufficiently clear to be effectuated," as required by the renegotiations clause of Part A Section 6. Nor does MCIm necessarily agree that the decision conflicts with or makes unlawful any provision of the Agreement as required by the renegotiation clause of Part A Section 2.2. In any event, the parties cannot even begin to discuss, let alone agree on, an amendment within 30 days of the effective date of the decision, given the timing of Sprint's letter.

However, if Sprint will promptly provide to MCIm in writing: 1) The sections of the Florida Interconnection Agreement Sprint believes should be renegotiated, 2) Sprint's legal basis for renegotiations, and 3) Sprint's proposed language to amend the Interconnection Agreement, MCIm will be able to consider Sprint's request for renegotiation. Please provide this information within seven (7) days of receipt of this letter.

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Please be aware that MCI expects Sprint to fully comply with all the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreement pending resolution of your request to renegotiate.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John La Penta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John La Penta

cc: Florida Public Service Commission

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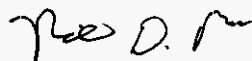
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by hand delivery (*) or by U.S. Mail this 28th day of August, 1997.

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