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Re: Docket 971058-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket on behalf of MCI, AT&T, TCG and BellSouth are the original and 15 copies of a Stipulation. This Stipulation was approved by the Commission at the hearings this morning in this docket.

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

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by U.S. mail this 13th day of October, 1997.

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STIPULATION

This Stipulation is entered into this 13th day of October, 1997, by the undersigned parties to Docket No. 971058-TL (Parties).

WHEREAS, a majority of the parties in attendance at an industry meeting held on June 30, 1997 support an overlay plan for relief of the 305 area code; and

WHEREAS, MCI and some other parties have filed testimony alleging anticompetitive effects of overlays on local competition; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth is willing to accept certain conditions proposed by MCI and other parties in connection with the approval of an overlay; and

WHEREAS, if the Commission approves these conditions, MCI, AT&T and TCG are willing to withdraw from further participation in this docket.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. There will be no slippage due to action or inaction by BellSouth in BellSouth's current timetable for implementation of permanent local number portability (LNP), which calls for LNP in the requested end offices in the Miami MSA to be implemented by May 15, 1998.

2. Mandatory ten-digit dialing (or 1+ ten-digit dialing) will be implemented for all calls within and between the 305 NPA and the relief NPA effective on the date of activation of the relief NPA (i.e. July 1, 1998); provided that if the Commission

approves a concentrated growth overlay, ten-digit dialing will not be required for local calls within the non-overlay area.

3. The Parties acknowledge that the Commission staff has committed to investigate, through one or more public workshops, methods of conserving number resources in Florida (including the 305 NPA) and intends to make a recommendation on a number resource conservation plan for consideration by the Commission as a proposed agency action no later than July 1, 1998. The methods investigated will include rate center consolidation and a number pooling mechanism. The undersigned Parties agree to cooperate in this investigation. BellSouth agrees not to advocate delaying implementation of any Florida-specific number conservation mechanisms pending action at a national level, unless national action appears imminent.

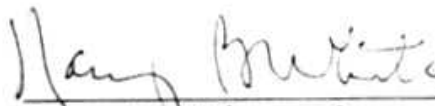
4. The Parties request that this Stipulation be approved by the Commission at the start of the hearings in this Docket and that the Stipulation be included as part of the Commission's final order approving a relief plan for the 305 NPA.

5. If this Stipulation is approved by the Commission in its entirety and without modification: (1) MCI, AT&T and TCG will withdraw their prefiled testimony; (2) BellSouth will withdraw Mr. Baeza's rebuttal testimony; and (3) MCI, AT&T and TCG will withdraw from further participation in this docket.


6. If this Stipulation is not approved by the Commission in its entirety and without modification: (1) the Stipulation will become void and will not be binding on the Parties; (2) the Stipulation will not be used or referred to in this docket or in any other proceedings in Florida or elsewhere; and (3) all Parties can take any position at the hearing in this docket that would have been available to them if this Stipulation had never been executed.



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