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DATE: JANUARY 23, 1998

TO: CHAIRMAN JULIA L. JOHNSON

FROM: MARTHA BROWN MCB

RE: DOCKET NO. 960847-TP, 960980-TP - PETITIONS BY AT&T OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC., MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, MCI METRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC., FOR ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED CONCERNING INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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Julia, I recommend that you approve this request. Thank you. Bill

Staff requests permission to place an emergency recommendation on the February 3, 1998, Commission Agenda schedule.

On January 14, 1998, Ms. Denise Vandiver of the Division of Auditing and Finance notified GTE Florida of its intention to audit components of the cost study data filed in this case. On January 19, 1998, staff received a response from GTE Florida to the effect that GTE Florida would not respond to staff's audit requests until the Commission's authority to do the audit is clarified. Hearings for this proceeding are scheduled for March 11-12, 1998. If staff is to use the audit results verifying the cost study data filed by GTE, the auditors will be required to file their testimony on or about February 9, 1998 in order to allow time for rebuttal by the parties, and review by staff prior to hearing.

- ACK _____ Staff believes that in light of the short time frame until the hearing, it would be appropriate for the Commission to take this matter up at the February 3, 1998, Agenda
- AFA _____ Conference. Staff is preparing a recommendation to compel GTE Florida to honor and respond
- APP _____ to the audit request which will be ready to file by close of business Monday, January 26, 1998,
- CAF _____ if permission is granted.
- CMU _____
- CTR _____
- EAG _____
- LEG _____
- LIN _____
- OPC _____ MCB:rbn
- RCH _____ cc: Dr. Mary A. Bane, Deputy Director/Technical
- SEC _____ / Mr. Bill Talbott, Executive Director
- WAS _____ Division of Records and Reporting
- OTH _____ Division of Legal Services
- _____ Division of Communications

May - This is an FYI - It's a draft - we don't have the rec done yet, so we will file this memo at the same time Monday - Martha & Robyn

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