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FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (B. KEATING, ^{BIC} COX) ^{KB}
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RE: DOCKET NO. 971194-TP - PETITION BY WIRELESS ONE, L.P.
D/B/A/ CELLULAR ONE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FOR ARBITRATION
WITH SPRINT-FLORIDA, INCORPORATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 252
OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

AGENDA: MARCH 24, 1998 - REGULAR AGENDA - POST HEARING DECISION
- MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION - ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\LEG\WP\971194RC.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

Part II of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) sets forth provisions regarding the development of competitive markets in the telecommunications industry. Section 251 of the Act concerns interconnection with the incumbent local exchange carrier, while Section 252 sets forth the procedures for negotiation, arbitration, and approval of agreements.

Section 252(b) addresses agreements reached through compulsory arbitration. Specifically, Section 252(b)(1) states:

(1) Arbitration.-During the period from the 135th day to the 160th day (inclusive) after the date on which an incumbent local exchange carrier receives a request for negotiation under this section, the carrier or any other party to the negotiation may petition a State

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