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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Determination of Cost of Local Service --
Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (collectively, "MCI") are the original and fifteen copies of MCI's Petition to Intervene.

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

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the cost)
of basic local telecommunications)
service, pursuant to Section)
364.025, Florida Statutes)

Docket No. 980696-TP

Filed: June 4, 1998

MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION and
MCImetro ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC.'s
PETITION TO INTERVENE

MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (MCIT) and MCImetro ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC. (MCImetro) (collectively, MCI), pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, F.A.C., hereby petition the Commission to allow them to intervene in this proceeding. In support thereof, MCI states:

1. MCI's Southern Division is headquartered at 780 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30342.
2. All notices, pleadings and orders should be directed to the following MCI representatives:

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3. MCIT is certified by the Florida Public Service Commission as an interexchange carrier (IXC) and as an alternative local exchange telecommunications company (ALEC). MCIT currently provides interexchange service to customers within the State of Florida. MCImetro is certified by the Florida Public Service Commission as an ALEC. MCImetro has begun

providing local exchange telecommunications services to business customers within the State of Florida.

4. MCI's substantial interests will be affected by the Commission's determinations in this docket of the cost of basic local telecommunications service, and its report to the Legislature. Such determinations are expected to affect the amount of universal service support that MCI will be required to pay and/or will be entitled to receive.

WHEREFORE, MCI respectfully requests that it be given leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of June, 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by U.S. mail or Hand Delivery (*) this 4th day of June, 1998.

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