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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (MUSSELWHITE) *BSM*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (B. KEATING, BROWN) *MCB*

RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO INTERCONNECTION,
UNBUNDLING AND RESALE AGREEMENTS

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DOCKET NO. 960833-TP - AT&T (AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC. D/B/A) BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DOCKET NO. 960846-TP - BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. MCI METRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

AGENDA: 12/15/98 - REGULAR AGENDA

CRITICAL DATES: DECEMBER 23, 1998

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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CASE BACKGROUND

On December 16, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-96-1531-FOF-TP, in Docket No. 960757-TP. In that Order, which involved Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. (MFS) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., (BellSouth), the Commission ordered BellSouth to file cost studies so that permanent rates could be established for specific unbundled network elements. On December 31, 1996, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-96-1579-FOF-TP in Docket Nos. 960833-TP and 960846-TP. In that Order, which involved BellSouth, AT&T, and MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc., (MCI), the Commission again ordered BellSouth to file cost studies. Specifically,

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BellSouth was ordered to file cost studies on those elements for which the Commission established interim rates so that permanent rates could be established.

On January 26-28, 1998 a hearing was held for the consolidated dockets. By Commission Order No. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP, issued April 29, 1998, the Commission set permanent rates for certain unbundled network elements identified in Docket Nos. 960833-TP, 960757-TP, and 960846-TP. In accordance with Order No. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP, the parties were to submit amendments to their arbitration agreements memorializing and implementing our decisions in that Order by May 29, 1998. On that day, AT&T filed a Joint Motion with BellSouth for Extension of Time to File Revisions to the Interconnection Agreement. By Order No. PSC-98-0844-FOF-TP, the Commission granted the Joint Motion for Extension of Time. On October 23, 1998 the Commission issued an Amendatory Order to Order No. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP to correct a scrivener's error. On November 24, 1998 the parties filed amendments to their respective Interconnection, Unbundling and Resale Agreements to include the permanent rates set by this Commission. This is staff's recommendation addressing the approval of these amendments pursuant to Commission Order No. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the amendments to the respective Interconnection, Unbundling and Resale Agreements between AT&T/BellSouth and MCI/BellSouth be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should approve the amendments to the respective Interconnection, Unbundling and Resale Agreements between AT&T/BellSouth and MCI/BellSouth filed pursuant to Commission Order Nos. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP and PSC-98-0604A-FOF-TP.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The aforementioned parties filed amendments to their Interconnection, Unbundling and Resale Agreements pursuant to Commission Order Nos. PSC-98-0604-FOF-TP and PSC-98-0604A-FOF-TP. Staff has reviewed the agreements and believe they comply with the Commission's Orders. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the amended agreements.

ISSUE 2: Should these Dockets be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Docket Nos. 960833-TP and 960846-TP should be closed. There is no further Commission action necessary.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Docket Nos. 960833-TP and 960846-TP should be closed. There is no further Commission action necessary.