BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of ACI Corp. d/b/a Accelerated Connections, Inc. for Generic Investigation to Ensure that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint-Florida, Incorporated, and GTE Florida Incorporated Comply with Obligation to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Carriers with Flexible, Timely, and Costefficient Physical Collocation.

Petition of Competitive Carriers for Commission Action to Support Local Competition in BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Service Territory.

Docket No. 990321-TP



Docket No. 981834-TP

Filed: November 24, 1999

MOTION OF COVAD COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR LEAVE TO FILE PREHEARING STATEMENT OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW Covad Communications Company ("Covad"), through its counsel, and moves this Commission, through the Prehearing Officer, to grant it leave to file its prehearing

Statement three days out of time, stating good cause as follows.

1) In Order No. PSC-99-1991-PCO-TP, Order Establishing Procedure, issued October 12,

1999, the Prehearing Officer established November 19, 1999, as the date by which prehearing statements in this proceeding were to be filed.

2) Through the press of numerous filings in several jurisdictions with simultaneous due dates, Covad was unable to prepare and file its Prehearing Statement on November 19, 1999, as

required by the Order Establishing Procedure.

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CMUSimmo3 Covad acknowledges the admonition in the Order Establishing Procedure concerning timely filing of prehearing statements, and its significance and consequences. Nevertheless, Covad respectfully suggests that it would be disproportionately punitive in a proceeding of this

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4) Covad states that it has taken forthright steps to complete its Prehearing Statement as quickly as possible so as to minimize the lateness of its filing and the inconvenience to the Commission and the other parties of record that its late filing may cause. Covad respectfully suggests further that its late filing will not prejudice the interests of any of the other parties in this proceeding nor impair the Commission's ability to fairly and efficiently resolve the issues herein in dispute.

5) Pursuant to Rule 1.090(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Prehearing Officer may grant an enlargement of time upon a finding of "excusable neglect."

WHEREFORE Covad Communications Company apologizes for its failure to meet the requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure and respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer grant its Motion for Leave to File Prehearing Statement Out of Time, permitting Covad Communications Company to continue its participation in this proceeding with full privileges intact.

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