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Public Service Commission

DATE: February 1, 2000
TO: Chairman Garcia
FROM: Division of Telecommunications (King, Tudor) *W* *RT*
RE: Docket No. 991222-TP - Late Filed Recommendation

The Commission's current contract with MCI for the provision of relay service expires on May 31, 2000. At its January 11, 2000, Special Agenda the Commission voted to issue a letter of intent to award the next relay contract to Sprint; however, AT&T has filed a formal protest of that award. Because of AT&T's protest, the process between Sprint and the FPSC to finalize a three-year contract has stopped. Therefore, the FPSC currently does not have a contract with any relay provider for the provision of relay service after May 31, 2000.

The staff is currently exploring the various options in order to recommend an interim relay service provider until a permanent contract can be signed. However, because staff will not receive some of the information needed to make a complete recommendation until February 4, 2000, staff is seeking permission to late file its recommendation. Staff is requesting that it be allowed to file its recommendation in Docket No. 991222-TP on February 8, 2000, by 10:00 a.m., for the February 15, 2000, Agenda Conference. Because our current contract with MCI expires on May 31, 2000, it is critical that this issue be addressed by the Commission as soon as possible.

If there are any questions, please call Richard Tudor or Laura King.

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