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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Blanca Bayó  
Director, Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Docket No. 000649-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WORLDCOM Communications, Inc. (collectively "WorldCom") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are the original and fifteen copies of their Stipulation.

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

Very truly yours,



Richard D. Melson

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cc: Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition by MCImetro Access	)	Docket No. 000649-TP
Transmission Services LLC and MCI	)	
WorldCom Communications, Inc. for	)	Filed: January 24, 2001
arbitration of certain terms and conditions	)	
of a proposed agreement with BellSouth	)	
Telecommunications, Inc. concerning	)	
interconnection and resale under the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.	)	
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**STIPULATION**

MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (collectively, "WorldCom") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. The parties shall incorporate into the interconnection agreement being arbitrated in this docket ("interconnection agreement"), subject to the approval of the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission"), language reflecting the Commission's rulings to be made in Docket No. 000075-TP concerning IP telephony (Issue 40 in this Docket); NPA/NXX assignment (Issue 46 in this Docket); and symmetrical treatment of reciprocal compensation (Issue 51 in this Docket).

2. In the interim, the parties' proposed language concerning Issues 40 and 46 shall not be included in the interconnection agreement. The interconnection agreement shall state that it is BellSouth's position that the parties should not pay reciprocal compensation for the traffic at issue in Issues 40 and 46 and that it is WorldCom's position that the parties should pay reciprocal compensation for such traffic. The language to be incorporated in the interconnection agreement reflecting the Commission's ruling to be made in Docket No. 000075-TP as it relates to Issues 40 and

46 shall be effective retroactive to the effective date of the new interconnection agreement.

3. Once the Commission issues its ruling in Docket No. 000075-TP , it may be necessary to conduct further proceedings to determine whether WorldCom is entitled to receive the tandem rate as it has requested under Issue 51. Such proceedings might be required to address the application of a test articulated in Docket No. 000075-TP as well as the retroactive effect (if any) of the Commission's ruling. Both parties reserve the right to request such proceedings. WorldCom's position on retroactivity is that the Commission's ruling should be retroactive to the effective date of the interconnection agreement; BellSouth wants to review the ruling in Docket No. 000075-TP before taking a position on retroactivity. In the interim, the parties' proposed language concerning Issue 51 shall not be included in the interconnection agreement, and WorldCom shall not bill BellSouth the tandem rate when WorldCom does not use a tandem to terminate BellSouth's originating traffic, subject to its right to bill the tandem rate retroactively should the Commission determine that is appropriate.

This 24th of January, 2001.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following by U.S. Mail or Hand Delivery (\*) this 24th day of January, 2000:

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