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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into appropriate methods to compensate carriers for exchange of traffic subject to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Docket No.: 000075-TP

Filed: February 14, 2001

RECORDS AND REPORTING

REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM PARTICIPATION IN PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING

COMES NOW Focal Communications Corporation of Florida ("Focal") through counsel, and submits this REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM PARTICIPATION IN PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND HEARING ("Request") in this proceeding, Docket No. 000075-TP. As grounds, Focal states:

1. Focal was granted intervenor status in the subject proceeding in Order No. PSC -00-1468-PCO-TP, issued August 4, 2000.
2. Focal intends only to monitor this proceeding. Focal does not sponsor any witnesses in this proceeding. Neither does Focal intend to file a post-hearing brief in this proceeding.
3. Accordingly, Focal desires to be excused from participation, including attendance, in the prehearing conference and hearing to be held in this proceeding

WHEREFORE, Focal Communications Corporation of Florida respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer grant its request to be excused from participation in the prehearing conference and hearing in Docket No. 000075-TP without derogation otherwise of its rights.

This 14th day of February, 2001

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