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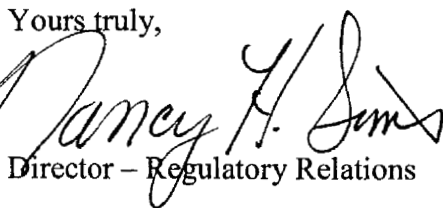
Re: Docket No. 011581-TX – MCI Petition for Temporary Waiver of Rule 25-4.110(16), Florida Administrative code, and corresponding portion of Section 364.603, Florida Statutes

Dear Mr. Moses:

As you know, MCI filed a petition for a temporary waiver of Rule 25-4.110(16), Florida Administrative Code, requiring companies that bill for local service to provide customer notification that a preferred carrier (PC) Freeze is available. In its petition, MCI states that it requested from BellSouth the ability to electronically request a PC freeze for MCI metro customers it serves using UNE-P. In response to MCI's request, BellSouth stated that, at that time, BellSouth did not offer Local Service Freeze (LSF) for UNE-P orders. This letter is to inform you that BellSouth plans to implement a process that will allow CLECs to offer their UNE-P customers a Local Service Freeze electronically on March 24, 2002.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to call MaryRose Sirianni at (850) 224-5244 or me.

Yours truly,


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