BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In re: Comprehensive Review of the Revenue Requirements and Rate Stabilization Plan of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Docket No. 920260-TL

Filed: November 30, 1995

MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S JOINDER IN FIXCA'S MOTION FOR STAY

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) hereby joins the Motion for Stay filed by the Florida Interexchange Carrier's Association in this docket on November 28, 1995. That motion requested that the Commission stay the implementation of Order No. PSC-95-1391-FOF-TL (the "Order"), which implements ECS calling on numerous routes effective January 1, 1996, pending FIXCA's appeal of that order to the Florida Supreme Court (the "Appeal").

MCI intends to file a notice of joinder as an appellant in the Appeal. MCI likewise moves this Commission to stay the Order pending appeal for the reasons more fully set forth in FIXCA's motion for stay. The practical effect of the Commission's ECS order will be to remonopolize calling on most routes in the Southeast LATA. That remonopolization will take place even prior to implementation of the Commission's intraLATA 1+ dialing order, which itself has been stayed by the Florida Supreme Court.

As discussed in FIXCA's motion, the Commission's order presents statutory construction issues of first impression which require adjudication by the Supreme Court and on which FIXCA and

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MCI believe there is a strong likelihood of prevailing on appeal. Under these circumstances, a stay is appropriate to preserve the status quo pending the outcome of the appeal. This is particularly appropriate where customers will continue to receive the benefit of the settlement provision which requires a \$25 million rate reduction by way of a credit on their bills as expressly provided for in the Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above and in FIXCA's Motion For Stay, MCI moves that the Commission stay the effectiveness of Order No. PSC-95-1391-FOF-TL pending appeal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30th day of November, 1995.

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