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for Resale Involving Local Exchange Companies and Alternative Local Exchange ACK _ Companies pursuant to Section 364.161, Florida Statutes - Docket No. 950984-TP $\Delta \Gamma \Delta$ ___Dear Ms. Bayo: CAF Enclosed for filing in the above-styled docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Sprint-United/Centel's Response to Motion for Reconsideration by Metropolitan Fiber Systems of ČTR ——Florida, Inc. EAG -We are also submitting the Response on a 3.5" high-density LEG ___ diskette generated on a DOS computer in WordPerfect 5.1 format. Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping OPC — the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this RCH writer. SEC 1 Thank you for your assistance in this matter. WAS ____

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SPRINT UNITED/CENTEL'S RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION BY METROPOLITAN FIBER SYSTEMS OF FLORIDA, INC.

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.060(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, United Telephone Company of Florida and Central Telephone Company of Florida (together "Sprint United/Centel") respond to the Motion for Reconsideration ("Motion") filed by Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Florida, Inc. ("MFS"), stating as follows:

1. In its Motion, MFS provides a litary of items it claims the Commission should reconsider. Although acknowledging the standard for reconsideration set forth in <u>Diamond Cab Co. v. King</u>, 146 So.2d 889 (Fla. 1962), MFS' Motion completely fails to meet that standard. Contrary to MFS' assertions, there is nothing in MFS' Motion which demonstrates that the Commission's decision in this proceeding "overlooked or failed to consider the significance

It is of interest to note that on July 17, 1996, Sprint United/Centel received a copy of MFS' <u>Petition for Arbitration Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b) of Interconnection Rates, Terms and Conditions with Sprint United-Centel of Florida, Inc., apparently filed with the Florida Public Service Commission, which addresses the same issues as are raised in MFS' Motion. Thus, it appears that MFS' second bite of the apple is about to be followed by a third bite.</u>

of certain evidence presented" or "ignored, misinterpreted or misapplied the law." Not only does MFS fail to provide any record support for matters which it claims the Commission overlooked or failed to consider, MFS has the chutzpah to introduce matters which were never raised in its Petition, Prehearing Statement, Testimony or Posthearing Statement. And to compound matters, MFS, when it does cite to the transcript of the hearing in support of its position, conveniently excludes portions of the transcript which leads to a different result. Finally, as to matters which were addressed in the proceeding for which MFS is unhappy with the result, MFS has failed to show how the Commission's decision is defective from a factual or a legal standpoint. For all of these reasons, MFS' Motion should be denied.

As to matters not previously raised in the proceeding, MFS challenges the Commission's decision to use a TSLRIC standard for setting the prices for the unbundled facilities because MFS now wants a different TSLRIC standard which reflects "the incremental efficient new entrant using costs of an forward technologies." Motion, p. 2. There is nothing in the record which supports such a new standard. Indeed, this standard was never raised in this proceeding. Likewise, MFS' contentions that the charges for unbundled local loops should be consistent between LECs and this can be achieved by ignoring the individual LEC's cost studied and using the incremental costs of an efficient market entrant is a brand new concept for this proceeding. MFS does not

provide any record evidence for such a concept or demonstrate how the Commission could have divined what MFS had in mind.

MFS also states that the Commission ought to reconsider its order declining to require that unbundled local loop prices be Motion, p. 15-17. geographically deaveraged. The Commission properly declined to require geographically deaveraged local loop prices for Sprint United/Centel because this matter was not raised Order, p. in negotiations between MFS and Sprint United/Centel. MFS tries to escape this fundamental procedural flaw by 13. contending that in cross-examination by Sprint United/Centel MFS' witness Devine claimed that MFS asked for geographic deaveraging of the unbundled local loop in his rebuttal testimony. MFS attempts to support this position by quoting verbatim from the transcript. Motion, p. 17.

But MFS quotes only a part of the transcript at page 192. The remaining questions and answers, which MFS conveniently ignores, rebuts MFS' contention:

- Q. Whereabouts in your rebuttal testimony? (Pause)
- A. I'm fumbling through here, but I reference -because Ben Poag talked about high density and
 low density in his testimony, and we
 referenced it in here, I'm pretty sure.

CHAIRMAN CLARK: Have your found it, Mr. Devine?

WITNESS DEVINE: No, but I know I have it with GTE, and I swear -- I'm just looking.

I'm still looking. But to the extent that we talked about costs, that based on costs -- and the costs are different in different zones -- and Ben Poag talked about it in his testimony,

so we are talking about loops being priced at cost. And if a high density area has lower costs, if the loop price were the same for a statewide average, the price would exceed it. So in that context -- (long pause)

I'm trying to find the exact reference. I know I talked about it in the GTE. I just don't know why I can't find it in here.

Q. (By Mr. Fons) Well, let's move on. Let me ask you about the TSLRIC studies.

Tr. 192-93.

As a practical matter, whether Mr. Devine addressed geographic deaveraging of unbundled local loop in his rebuttal testimony in GTE proceeding, that would have no impact the United/Centel. MFS would have had to raise this issue as a negotiation matter with Sprint United/Centel in order for it to be before Commission with the respect to Sprint properly United/Centel. See Section 364.161(1), Florida Statutes.

4. MFS also contends that the Commission needs to reconsider its decision because it "failed to authorize a 'fresh look' with regards to customer conversion in contrast with the Florida Commission's prior order for BellSouth." Motion, p. 3. MFS alleges its witness Devine testified that MFS requires a "fresh look" policy in order to compete effectively. The record transcript cited by MFS in an attempt to support this allegation does not, however, mention "fresh look." Instead, Mr. Devine's testimony speaks in terms of a customer converting its bundled service to an unbundled service and "assign such service to MFS-FL, with no penalties, rollover, termination or conversion charges to

MFS-FL or the customer." Tr., 40.² Based upon record testimony, the Commission rejected this request. Order, p. 29. In recognition of this fact, MFS goes on to argue that this Commission granted a "fresh look" in other proceedings and other commissions in other states have granted a "fresh look." Even if these other situations were comparable to the current proceeding, MFS fails to show that the Commission's decision here is unsupported by the record or erroneously applies the law.

5. MFS also requests reconsideration of the Commission's decision that, on an interim basis, Sprint United/Centel is to use currently tariffed nonrecurring charges associated with residence and business service as the basis for conversion costs. Motion, p. 18. Instead, MFS wants the Commission to require that Sprint United/Centel "use actual costs (if any)." Motion, p. 18. MFS' Motion ignores the fact that the Commission's decision goes on to require Sprint United/Centel to submit cost studies reflecting the nonrecurring costs of converting its bundled service to the unbundled service for MFS, and to do so within 60 days of the Order issuance date. Order, p. 30. Thus, MFS' Motion misconstrues and misapprehends the Commission's decision and fails to provide any valid basis for reconsideration.

WHEREFORE, having fully demonstrated that MFS' Motion does not meet the standards for reconsideration of a Commission decision in

This transcript page relates to Mr. Devine's testimony regarding GTE Florida. The comparable transcript page regarding Sprint United/Centel is Tr., 87.

any respect, Sprint United/Centel urge the Commission to deny MFS' Motion for Reconsideration.

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