BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for arbitration concerning complaint of American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. and ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. regarding reciprocal compensation for traffic terminated to internet service providers.



DOCKET NO. 981008-TP

DATED: DECEMBER 21, 1998

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-1396-PCO-TP, issued October 16, 1998, as amended by Order No. PSC-98-1481-PCO-TP, issued November 3, 1998, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission hereby files its Prehearing Statement.

- A. <u>All Known Witnesses</u>: Staff does not intend to sponsor a witness at this time.
- B. <u>All Known Exhibits</u>: Staff has not yet identified a tentative list of exhibits which it intends to utilize in this proceeding. To the extent possible in view of the expedited schedule of this proceeding, Staff will supply a tentative list of such exhibits at or prior to the Prehearing Conference.

AFA ____ C. Staff's Statement of Basic Position:

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APP None pending discovery. Staff's final positions will be CAF _____ based upon all the evidence in the record. CMU _____ CTR ____ EAG ____ LEG _ LIN _2 DOCUMENT MITTER -DATE OPC RCH _____ 14351 DEC 21 8 SEC ____ chook SECCHOS MERGRAND WAS ____ OTH ____

D. <u>Staff's Position on the Issues</u>:

ISSUE 1: Is ISP traffic included in the definition of "local traffic" as that term is defined in the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth and e.spire?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

<u>ISSUE 2:</u> Did the difference in e.spire's minutes of use for terminating local traffic exceed two million minutes in Florida on a monthly basis?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: In this instance, how should the reciprocal compensation
rate, if any, be determined under the parties'
Interconnection Agreement?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What action, if any, should the Commission take?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Staff's Prehearing Statement have been furnished by U. S. Mail, this 21st day of December, 1998, to the following:

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