BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for arbitration concerning complaint of US LEC of Florida Inc. against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. regarding breach of terms of interconnection agreement and request for relief.

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STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-99-2144-PCO-TP, issued November 1, 1999, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

A. <u>All Known Witnesses</u>

Staff will not sponsor any witnesses.

B. <u>All Known Exhibits</u>

Staff has not identified any exhibits at this time.

C. <u>Staff's Statement of Basic Position</u>

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

- D. <u>Staff's Position on the Issues</u>
- ISSUE 1: Under the reciprocal compensation provision of their Interconnection Agreements, are US LEC of Florida, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. required to compensate each other for delivery of traffic to Enhanced Service Providers, including Internet Service Providers?

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Staff has no position at this time.

-<u>ISSUE 2</u>: Should this docket be closed?

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E. <u>Pending Motions</u>

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

F. <u>Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests</u>

Staff has no pending requests for confidential treatment.

G. Compliance with Order No. PSC-99-2144-PCO-TP

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of March, 2000.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been served by U.S. Mail, this 16th day of March, 2000, to the following:

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