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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petitions by AT&T ) DOCKET NO. 960847-TP  
 Communications of the Southern ) DOCKET NO. 960980-TP  
 States, Inc., MCI )  
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STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Orders Nos. PSC-96-1053-PCO-TP, issued August 16, 1996 and PSC-96-1152-PCO-TP, issued September 13, 1996, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

- A. All Known Witnesses: Staff does not intend to sponsor a witness at this time.
- B. All Known Exhibits: Staff has not yet identified a tentative list of exhibits which it intends to utilize in this proceeding. Staff will supply a tentative list of such exhibits at or prior to the Prehearing Conference.

C. Staff's Statement of Basic Position:  
 None pending discovery.

D.-G. Staff's Position on the Issues:

POSITIONS:

ISSUES COMMON TO AT&T, MCI AND GTEFL:

ISSUE 1: What services provided by GTEFL, if any, should be excluded from resale?

STAFF: No position at this time.

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**ISSUE 2:** Should GTEFL be prohibited from imposing restrictions on the resale of GTEFL services?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 3:** What are the appropriate wholesale rates for GTEFL to charge when AT&T or MCI purchase GTEFL's retail services for resale?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 4:** a) Should GTEFL be required to implement a process and standards that will ensure that AT&T and MCI receive services for resale, interconnection, and unbundled network elements that are at least equal in quality to those that GTEFL provides itself and its affiliates?

b) Should GTEFL be required to provide AT&T and MCI loop testing information prior to the establishment of service to an AT&T or MCI customer?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 5:** What are the appropriate contractual provisions for liability and indemnification for failure to provide service in accordance with the terms of the arbitrated agreement?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 6:** a) Should GTEFL be required to provide real-time and interactive access via electronic interfaces to perform the following:

Pre-Service Ordering  
Maintenance/Repair  
Service Order Processing and Provisioning  
Customer Usage Data Transfer  
Local Account Maintenance

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- b) If this process requires the development of additional capabilities, in what time frame should they be deployed?
- c) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

- ISSUE 7:**
- a) When AT&T or MCI resells GTEFL's local exchange service, or purchases unbundled local switching, is it technically feasible: 1) to route 0+ and 0- calls to an operator other than GTEFL's; 2) to route 411 and 555-1212 directory assistance calls to an operator other than GTEFL's; or 3) to route 611 repair calls to a repair center other than GTEFL's?
  - b) If this process requires the development of additional capabilities, in what time frame should they be deployed?
  - c) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

- ISSUE 8:**
- a) Should GTEFL be required to provide AT&T and MCI with the billing and usage recording services that AT&T and MCI requested?
  - b) If this process requires the development of additional capabilities, in what time frame should they be deployed?
  - c) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

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**ISSUE 9:** What type of customer authorization is required for access to customer account information and transfer of existing services?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 10:** What are the appropriate rates, terms, and conditions, if any, for call guide pages, directory distribution, and inclusion of AT&T's and MCI's logos on the directory cover?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 11:** a) Should GTEFL be required to provide AT&T and MCI access to GTEFL's directory assistance database?

b) If this process requires the development of additional capabilities, in what time frame should they be deployed?

c) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 12:** How should PIC changes be made for AT&T's and MCI's local customers?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 13:** a) Are the following items considered to be network elements, capabilities, or functions? If so, is it technically feasible for GTEFL to provide AT&T and MCI with these elements?

Network Interface Device  
Loop Distribution  
Local Switching  
Operator Systems  
Dedicated Transport  
Common Transport  
Tandem Switching

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Signaling Link Transport  
Signal Transfer Points  
Service Control Points/Databases  
Loop Concentrator/Multiplexer (AT&T only)  
Loop Feeder (AT&T only)  
Multiplexing/Digital Cross-connect (MCI only)  
DA Service  
911 Service  
AIN Capabilities  
Operations Support Systems

- b) What should the price of each of the items considered to be network elements, capabilities, or functions?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 14:** Should GTEFL be prohibited from placing any limitations on AT&T's and MCI's ability to combine unbundled network elements with one another, or with resold services, or with AT&T's, MCI's or a third parties facilities, to provide telecommunications services to consumers in any manner AT&T or MCI chooses?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

- ISSUE 15:** a) Should GTEFL be required to provide AT&T and MCI with access to GTEFL's unused transmission media?  
b) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 16:** At what points should AT&T and MCI be permitted to interconnect with GTEFL?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

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- ISSUE 17:** a) What access should be provided by GTEFL for its poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way?
- b) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 18:** Does the term "rights-of-way" in Section 224 of the Act include all possible pathways for communicating with the end user?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 19:** Should GTEFL be required to provide interim number portability solutions including remote call forwarding, flex-direct inward calling, route index portability hub, and local exchange route guide reassignment?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 20** What should be the cost recovery mechanism to provide interim local number portability in light of the FCC's recent order?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

- ISSUE 21:** a) Should GTEFL be prohibited from placing any limitations on interconnection between two carriers collocated on GTEFL's premises, or on the types of equipment that can be collocated, or on the types of uses and availability of the collocated space?
- b) What are the costs incurred, and how should those costs be recovered?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

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**ISSUE 22:** What should be the compensation mechanism for the exchange of local traffic between AT&T or MCI and GTEFL?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 30:** What intrastate access charges, if any, should be collected on a transitional basis from carriers who purchase GTEFL's unbundled local switching element? How long should any transitional period last?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 24:** What should be the term of the agreement?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 25:** Can the agreement be modified by subsequent tariff filings?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUES SPECIFIC TO MCI AND GTEFL:**

**ISSUE 27:** a) When MCI resells GTEFL's services, is it technically feasible or otherwise appropriate for GTEFL to brand operator services and directory services calls that are initiated from those resold services?

b) When GTEFL's employees or agents interact with MCI's customers with respect to a service provided by GTEFL on behalf of MCI, what type of branding requirements are technically feasible or otherwise appropriate?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

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**ISSUE 28:** Should GTEFL be required to provide notice to its wholesale customers of changes to GTEFL's services? If so, in what manner and in what timeframe?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 29:** In what time frame should GTEFL provide CABS-like billing for services and elements purchased by MCI?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 31:** What are the appropriate rates, terms, and conditions for access to code assignments and other numbering resources?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

H. Stipulation

Staff is not aware of any issues that have been stipulated at this time.

I. Pending Motions:

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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