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March 6, 1997

Blanca S. Bayó, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. **970173-TP**

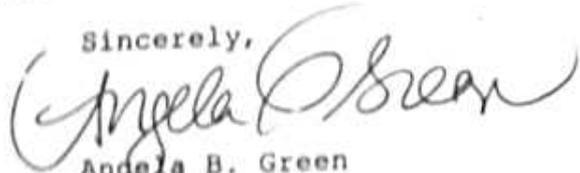
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene.

An extra copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,



Angela B. Green
General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition by MCI) Docket No. 970173-TP
Telecommunications Corporation)
for an order requiring GTE Florida) Filed: March 6, 1997
Incorporated to remove its)
deregulated payphone investment)
and associated expenses from its)
intrastate operations and reduce)
the Carrier Common Line rate)
element of its intrastate switched)
access charges by approximately)
\$9.6 million as required by the)
Federal Telecommunications Act)
of 1996.)
_____)

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc. ("FPTA") respectfully requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant it leave to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support thereof, FPTA states as follows:

1. The complete name and address of the petitioner is:

Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.
Lance C. Norris, President
125 South Gadsden Street
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2. All notices, pleadings, orders, and other documents should be directed to:

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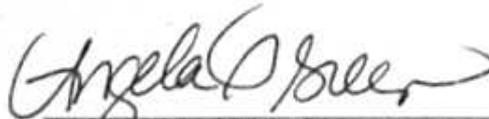
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3. FPTA is a domestic, not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The membership of the FPTA includes payphone service providers ("PSPs") certificated by the Commission.

4. FPTA is entitled to intervene in this docket because its members, as PSPs, have a substantial interest in whether and how local exchange companies remove the deregulated payphone investment and associated expenses from their intrastate operations in Florida. FPTA's members' interests will be directly and substantially affected by any action taken by the Commission in the above-captioned docket.

WHEREFORE, FPTA requests that it be granted intervention in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of March, 1997.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene was furnished by U.S. Mail this 6th day of March, 1997, to the following parties of record:

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