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MARCH 24, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 980155-TP - Petition of Supra Telecommunications & Information Systems for generic proceeding to arbitrate rates, terms, and conditions of interconnection with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., or, in the alternative, petition for arbitration of interconnection agreement.

Issue 1: Should the Commission grant BellSouth's Motion to Dismiss?

Recommendation: Yes. There is no authority under the Act allowing the Commission to conduct a generic arbitration. Also, Supra is currently bound by a Commission-approved agreement addressing resale, unbundling, and interconnection. Nothing in the Act provides for a request for arbitration while the matters at issue are governed by an approved agreement. Furthermore, staff believes that the allegations against BellSouth raised in Supra's Petition would be best addressed in a complaint proceeding. Staff notes that Supra has filed a separate complaint against BellSouth, Docket No. 980119-TP. Even if all of Supra's allegations are taken as true and viewed in the light most favorable to the petitioner, Supra has failed to state a cause of action upon which the Commission can grant relief. Staff recommends, therefore, that BellSouth's Motion to Dismiss be granted.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, no other matter will remain for the Commission to address. This docket should, therefore, be closed.

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