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Re: Docket No. 980281-TP MCI Complaint

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Response to MCI/metro Access Transmission Services, Inc.'s Motion to Expedite Hearing Schedule, which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

A 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 to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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Sincerely,

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cc: All parties of record
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket No. 980281-TP

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint of MCImetro Access) Docket No.: 980281-TP
Transmission Services, Inc. against)
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
For Breach of Approved)
Interconnection Agreement)
_____) Filed: April 9, 1998

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
RESPONSE TO MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION
SERVICES, INC.'s MOTION TO EXPEDITE HEARING SCHEDULE**

NOW COMES, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and responds to the Motion of MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCI") to Expedite Hearing Schedule in the above captioned matter. In response thereto, BellSouth states the following:

1. MCI filed its Complaint on February 23, 1998. On March 20, 1998, the Commission issued a case schedule calling for a hearing on October 8-9, 1998 and the issuance of an order on December 21, 1998.
2. MCI claims that the Commission's hearing schedule will delay its ability to "bring local competition to Florida." BellSouth avers that MCI has delayed entering the Florida market for reasons other than the imaginary obstacles claimed by MCI.
3. While BellSouth does not necessarily oppose MCI's desire for an expedited hearing schedule, BellSouth does oppose a schedule that calls for a final order to be issued by June 30, 1998. BellSouth is involved in several cases that are going to hearing in April, May, and June. MCI's requested schedule would burden BellSouth's resources. Therefore, while BellSouth does not oppose expediting the

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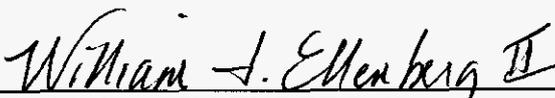
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hearing schedule in this matter, BellSouth does oppose a schedule that calls for a final order to be issued by June 30, 1998.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of April, 1998.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.


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