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Re: Flow Through of 1998 LEC Switched Access Reductions
Docket No. 980459-TP

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and SouthernNet, Inc. are the original and fifteen copies of:

- 1. Request for extension of time to file Flow-Through Reduction Tariffs

By copy of this letter, this document is being furnished to the parties on the attached service list.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: FLOW-THROUGH OF 1998 LEC)
SWITCHED ACCESS REDUCTIONS) DOCKET NO. 980459-TP
BY IXCS, PURSUANT TO SECTION)
364.163(6), F. S.) Filed June 26, 1998

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE FLOW-THROUGH REDUCTION TARIFFS**

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) and SouthernNet, Inc. d/b/a Telecom*USA and d/b/a Teleconnect (TUSA) hereby respectfully request an extension until July 15, 1998 to file their flow-through reduction tariffs. When MCI and TUSA file their respective flow-through tariffs, they will retroactively credit all end users with an effective date of July 1, 1998. Florida Consumers, therefore, will receive the full benefit of the reduction as if the tariffs had been filed on June 30, 1998, and thus will not be adversely effected by such an extension.

Pursuant to Section 364.163(6), Florida Statutes, and this Commission's Proposed Agency Action issued on June 8, 1998, Order No. PSC-98-0795-FOF-TP, Sprint-Florida and GTE Florida filed tariffs reducing their intrastate switched access rates effective July 1, 1998. These companies filed their tariffs and supporting materials on June 9, 1998, and June 8, 1998, respectively. IXCs are required to file tariffs flowing through these reductions to consumers. These tariffs are to be filed no later than June 30, 1998 to be effective on July 1, 1998. IXCs which paid less than \$20 million in total Florida intrastate switched access in 1997, such as TUSA, must certify in a letter accompanying their tariff

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that they have met the statutory requirements.¹ IXCs which paid more than \$20 million in total Florida intrastate switched access in 1997, such as MCI, must file additional supporting documentation with their tariff.

Because of the short time frame between the filing of the LECs information and the due date of the IXCs' tariffs, MCI and TUSA will be unable to meet the June 30, 1998, filing deadline. MCI and TUSA predict that they will be able to file their respective tariffs by no later than July 15, 1998. If possible, they will file them sooner.

Despite this inability to meet the June 30, 1998 deadline, Florida end users will still receive the full benefit of the flow-through reductions. When MCI and TUSA file their respective tariffs, they will be filed with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 1998, and Florida consumers will be credited for all charges between July 1, 1998 and the filing of the flow-through tariffs. Since Florida consumers will receive the full benefit of the reductions, the intent of the legislature in adopting Section 364.163(6), Florida Statutes, will be met.

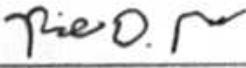
WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, MCI and TUSA request that the Commission:

- (a) Grant an extension to file flow-through tariffs until July 15, 1998;
- (b) direct that such tariffs be filed with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 1998, so that Florida consumers receive the full benefit of the reductions; and
- (c) grant such other relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

¹ The Commission has ruled that any IXC whose intrastate switched access expense reduction is \$100 or less per month is not obligated to flow-through its reduction. After TUSA has completed its analysis, if it falls within this category, TUSA will, in lieu of a tariff, file a letter with the Commission so certifying.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of June, 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by Hand Delivery this 26th day of June, 1998.

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