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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó
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Re: Docket 970261-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation are the original and 15 copies of MCI's Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above docket.

By copy of this letter this document has been provided to the parties on the attached service list.

Very truly yours,

Richard D. Melson

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In re: Establishment of)
intrastate implementation)
requirements governing federally)
mandated deregulation of local)
exchange company payphones)

Docket 970281-TL

Filed: April 8, 1997

**MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION'S
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests leave to intervene in the above captioned docket, and as grounds therefor states:

1. MCI's Florida operations are headquartered at 780 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30342.

2. All notices, pleadings and orders should be directed to the following MCI representatives:

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3. On February 7, 1997, MCI filed petitions in Docket Nos. 970172-TP and 970173-TP regarding the implementation of the FCC's order requiring BellSouth and GTE to remove payphone investment and associated expenses from their intrastate operations.

4. By Order No. PSC-97-0358-FOF-TP, the Commission denied MCI's petitions. The Commission nevertheless took action in this generic docket to establish intrastate implementation requirements related to the deregulation of local exchange company payphones.

5. The Commission's implementation of these requirements will affect the substantial interests of MCI and its business operations in the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, MCI respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Company leave to intervene for all legal purposes in this docket.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of April, 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following parties by U.S. Mail this 8th day of April, 1997.

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