

Public Service Commission

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DATE: JANUARY 14, 1998

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TO: CHAIRMAN JULIA L. JOHNSON

FROM: BETH KEATING

DOCKET NO. 960757-TP. 960846-TP - PETITIONS FOR RE: ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS. INC. CONCERNING INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE UNDER THE **TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 BY METROPOLITAN FIBER SYSTEMS** (WORLDCOM); AT&T OF THE SOUTHERN STATES: AND MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION.

Staff requests permission to place an emergency recommendation on the January 20, 1998, Commission Agenda schedule.

On January 2, 1998, the prehearing officer in this Docket issued Order No. PSC-98-0007-PCO-TP, reconsidering and reversing a prior Order from the prehearing officer granting intervention in these proceedings to ACSI. On January 12, 1998, ACSI filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Request for Expedited Ruling. Therein, ACSI has requested that the Commission reconsider the prehearing officer's decision to revoke its party status. ACSI also asks that its petition be addressed at the January 20, 1998, Agenda Conference in view of the fact that the hearing in this Docket is set to begin on January 26, 1998.

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