BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against Webnet Communications, Inc. for apparent violation of Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., Local, Local Toll, and Toll Provider Selection.

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COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO LATE-FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MELINDA WATTS AND EXHIBIT MW-1

Commission staff (staff), by and through undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests to file its Direct Testimony of Melinda Watts and exhibit MW-1 on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, and as grounds therefor states:

- 1. This matter has been scheduled for an administrative hearing on October 23, 2001. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-1521A-PCO-TI, issued July 30, 2001, Direct Testimony was required to be filed on August 17, 2001.
- 2. Staff and Webnet have been in contact regarding the scheduling of a conference meeting to discuss the issue of the settlement of this docket. Both staff and Webnet anticipated settling this docket at the conference, as it was hoped that this would avoid the usage of Webnet and Commission resources to prepare direct testimony and exhibits. It was anticipated that this conference would take place the week of August 13, 2001. On August 14, Webnet contacted staff and indicated it would not be able to

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attend a conference on the anticipated dates.

3. Webnet has stipulated that it would not object to the staff late-filing staff's testimony and exhibits, given the late notice of its inability to attend a conference. Moreover, the parties will not be prejudiced by the late filing of the testimony and exhibit.

WHEREFORE, Commission staff moves the Prehearing Officer to accept the late-filed testimony and exhibit of Melinda Watts, to be filed on August 21, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted this / day of August, 2001.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Staff's Direct Testimony of Melinda Watts and Exhibit MW-1, has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 17th day of August, 2001 to the following.

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