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COMMISSION

April 3, 2007

Ms. Ann Cole
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 070127-TX - Petition of Neutral Tandem, Inc. For Interconnection with Level 3 Communications and Request for Expedited Resolution

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Neutral Tandem, Inc., please find the original and 15 copies of the following:

1. The original and 15 copies of Neutral Tandem's Notice of Additional Supplemental Authority.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping and returning the extra copy of this letter to me. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Beth Keating

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Neutral Tandem, Inc. for	)	
Interconnection with Level 3	)	Docket No. 070127-TX
Communications and Request for	)	Filed: April 3, 2007
Expedited Resolution.	)	_

## NEUTRAL TANDEM INC.'S NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Neutral Tandem, Inc. ("Neutral Tandem") by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files the following as supplemental authority:

A copy of the Georgia Public Service Commission (GPSC) staff's recommended procedural ruling in Docket No. 24844-U: Petition of Neutral Tandem Inc. for Interconnection with Level 3 Communications and Request for Emergency Relief, which was adopted in full by the GPSC at its regularly scheduled meeting today.<sup>1</sup> This is provided in further support of Neutral Tandem's request for expedited consideration and interim relief.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The written Order of the Commission memorializing the decision is expected to issue later in the week.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery to Martin McDonnell, Esquire, and Kenneth Hoffman, Esquire, Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell, and Hoffman, P.A., 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 420, Tallahassee, FL 32301, and that an electronic copy has also been provided to the persons listed below this <u>3rd</u> day of April, 2007:

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## **EXHIBIT**

DOCKET NO. 24844-U: Petition of Neutral Tandem Inc. for Interconnection with Level 3 Communications and Request for Emergency Relief.
Consideration of Proposed Procedural and Scheduling Order. (Shaun Rosemond, Dan Walsh)

On March 2, 2007 Neutral Tandem, Inc. ("Neutral Tandem") filed a Petition For Interconnection with Level 3 Communications ("Level 3") And Request For Emergency Relief ("Petition"). In its Petition, Neutral Tandem requests that the Commission (1) establish interconnection terms and conditions for the continued delivery by Neutral Tandem of tandem transit traffic to Level 3 Communications, Inc.. and its subsidiaries; and (2) issue an interim order on an expedited basis directing Level 3 not to block traffic terminating to Level 3 from Neutral Tandem over the parties' existing interconnections while this Petition is pending, so as to avoid disrupting the delivery of calls. Petition, 1. In its Petition, Neutral Tandem alleges that Level 3 is threatening to terminate the terminating traffic agreement that currently exists between Neutral Tandem and Level 3 for the delivery of traffic from Neutral Tandem, because such an arrangement was not sufficiently advantageous to Level 3. Id at 2. Neutral tandem also states that Level 3 has made representations that it intends to disconnect the parties' existing interconnection network arrangement as of March 23, 2007, and it requests the Commission enter an interim order preventing such a disconnection and allowing continued exchange of traffic between it and Level 3 pending a Commission a decision to prevent any service disruption to customers that are subscribers to LECs that utilize Neutral Tandem's transit services.

Level 3 responded in a letter filed March 8, in which it extended the termination date to June 25, 2007 to allow the parties to continue to negotiate in the hopes of reaching an agreement. The two parties continued to exchange correspondence in which Neutral Tandem continues to emphasize the need for an expedited hearing without action by Level 3 until the Commission reaches a decision; and Level 3 proposes the Commission establish a schedule which would call for a Commission decision by June 25, and would allow for additional negotiation between the parties and consideration by the Commission whether the petition filed by Neutral Tandem is even warranted.

In light of the pleadings filed by the parties and the abbreviated timeframe in which the Commission has to act, the Staff proposes the following schedule in this matter:

April 6 – Any motions and dispositive responses to Neutral Tandem's Petition due by Level 3

April 13 – parties file stipulation of facts

April 13 – parties file direct testimony simultaneously (Neutral Tandem will supplement its original testimony)

April 16 – Neutral Tandem responses to Level 3 Motions and dispositive responses due

April 24 – parties file rebuttal testimony simultaneously
May 3 – Hearing
May 14 – Briefs due (briefs otherwise will be due on 5/11 if hearing is on 5/1)
June 4-8 – Decision at Administrative Session (same week as SEARUC)

The Staff also recommends that any disconnection of customers that may be appropriate pending the Commission order in this case shall not take place prior to 30 days from the Commission order in this case. This thirty day period will not extend beyond the week of July 9.