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Re: 305 Area Code -- Docket No. 971058-TI

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of MCI Telecommunications Corporation are the original and fifteen copies of MCI's Response to BellSouth's Motion for Extension of Permissive Dialing Period.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for review of
Proposed numbering plan relief
For 305 area code

) Docket No. 971058-TL
)
) June 10, 1998

**MCI'S RESPONSE TO BELL SOUTH'S MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF PERMISSIVE DIALING PERIOD**


MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (collectively referred to as MCI) hereby respond to the Motion for Extension of Permissive Dialing Period filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") in this matter as follows:

The Commission approved a concentrated growth overlay to provide numbering relief for the 305 area code in Order No. PSC-98-0040-FOF-TL. BellSouth has requested that the Commission extend the 10-digit permissive dialing period for the 305 area code for three (3) months. Some alarm companies have notified BellSouth that they will be unable to complete the reprogramming of alarm equipment to dial 10 digits by the July 1, 1998 deadline. The purpose of this extension would be to allow the alarm companies to complete the reprogramming and thus avoid potential adverse effects to consumers.

Only a small portion of the NXX codes in the 305 area serve alarm companies. MCI has no objection to extending the permissive dialing period for these NXXs in order to avoid any potential adverse impact on the alarm companies' customers. There is no need, however, to extend the permissive dialing period for all NXXs. In an overlay situation, existing customers retain their numbers in the older, more established NPA. In contrast, new customers, or existing customers needing new numbers, are more likely to be assigned the new NPA. Even during a permissive dialing period, customers with the new NPA must use 10-digit dialing. Since a larger percentage of new entrants' total customer base are new customers, new entrants can be disproportionately and adversely affected by extending permissive dialing periods. In other words, a greater percentage of the new entrants' customers may have to use 10-digit dialing, thus making service by new entrants appear less attractive to consumers.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of June, 1998.

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