BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 21, 1996

IN RE: PETITION OF MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	No. 96-01271
FOR ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. CONCERNING INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE UNDER THE	FINAL AGREED ORDER
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996	•

A Status Conference was held in the above-captioned matter on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, in Nashville, Tennessee before Penelope W. Register, Hearing Officer. On October 14, 1996, the Hearing Officer presented her Report and Recommendation from such Status Conference to the Arbitrators. The following appearances were entered at the Pre-Arbitration Conference held on October 14, 1996.

APPEARANCES:

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Pursuant to the Status Conference conducted in this proceeding, the Parties have stipulated and agreed to certain matters in an Initial Agreed Order issued by the Hearing Officer and approved by BellSouth and MCI:

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

I. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION:

That the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer filed with the Arbitrators on October 8, 1996, be, and hereby is, adopted and approved.

II. SCHEDULE:

That the following schedule, to the extent that it remains relevant in light of Item VII below, is adopted and approved-

- A. OCTOBER 4, 1996, 12:00 p.m. -LIST OF UNIQUE ISSUES DUE FROM MCI. MCI has agreed that such list will show the unresolved issues and the position of each party with respect to that unresolved issue.
- B. OCTOBER 11, 1996, 12:00 p.m. RESPONSE TO LIST OF UNIQUE ISSUES DUE BY BELLSOUTH.
- C. OCTOBER 14, 1996, @ 10:00 a.m. INITIAL ARBITRATION HEARING, in order to consider, among other things that may properly come before the Arbitrators, the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Officer at the Status Conference, a Final Agreed Order, and the issue of whether MCI Telecommunications Corporation can raise certain issues within the context of either the AT&T/BellSouth Arbitration or the MCI/BellSouth Arbitration or have those issues been removed from consideration by virtue of a contract negotiated between MCI and BellSouth.
- D. OCTOBER 18, 1996, 12:00 p.m. PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY DUE.
- E. NOVEMBER 1, 1996, 12:00 p.m. REBUTTAL DUE.
- F. NOVEMBER 12, 1996, 9:00 a.m. CONVENE MCI/BELLSOUTH ARBITRATION HEARING.
- G. NOVEMBER 13, 1996, 1:00 p.m. RESERVED DATE FOR CONTINUED HEARING.

III. BAPCO (Issue No. 9 in the AT&T/BellSouth Arbitration):

That MCI has agreed to be bound and will be bound by the decisions regarding the BAPCO issue reached in the context of the AT&T/BellSouth Arbitration.

IV. PROTECTIVE ORDER:

That the Stipulated Protective Order signed on September 17, 1996 in connection with the AT&T/BellSouth Arbitration shall protect and apply to information filed in this proceeding. Further, that MCI shall sign an affidavit agreeing to be bound by the terms thereof since they were not a signatory of the Stipulated Protective Order.

V. PROCEDURAL RULES:

That the Parties shall be bound by the Section 252 Rules adopted by the Authority on September 11, 1996.

VI. MEDIATION-PLUS:

That there is no longer a distinction between mediation-plus issues and arbitration issues.

VII. UNIQUE ISSUES:

That, based on the representations of MCI in their letter dated October 4, 1996, there are no longer any issues pending which MCI seeks to have arbitrated independently of the common MCI issues in Docket No. 96-01152.

ATTEST:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DIRECTOR

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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