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SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION OF MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND/OR COMMISSION-ORDERED INVESTIGATION

On September 24, 1998 MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed a motion to

intervene in the above-captioned dockets pursuant to R.C. §4903.221 and Rule 4901-1-11 OAC, and also moved that the Commission suspend that effective date of the proposed intraLATA 1+ implementation charges so that a determination could be made that the charges have been calculated in compliance with Local Service Guideline X.F. Because the MCI motion was filed after some of the charges had already become effective, MCI hereby files this supplemental motion requesting clarification of the Guideline and/or an investigation of the manner in which the intraLATA presubscription charges at issue in these cases have been calculated. A memorandum in support of this motion is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND/OR COMMISSION ORDERED INVESTIGATION

Both MCI and Sprint filed motions for leave to intervene in the forty above-captioned cases involving most of the small ILECs in the state. The IXCs raised concerns that the intraLATA presubscription charges filed by the carriers were based on a misinterpretation of the Local Service Guideline and that, by implication, the charges could not lawfully levied. The Commission was asked to suspend the effective date of the tariffs so that the basis of the charges and the language contained in the proposed tariffs could be clarified.

Because the tariff filing dates differ by carrier, the Commission's Staff brought to MCI's attention the fact that the tariffs in many of the cases had effective dates which preceded MCI's request for suspension. Since the suspension process would not be available for tariffs which had already been made effective, MCI hereby clarifies its motion for the purposes of those cases.

Before providing further explanation, MCI has prepared a summary of the status of the involved cases:

Cases with final tariff sheets filed on 9/21/98:

96-1200-TP-UNC Germantown Independent Telephone

96-1295-TP-ATA Ottoville Mutual Telephone

96-1312-TP-ATA Telephone Service Company

96-1315-TP-ATA Arthur Mutual Telephone Company

96-1321-TP-ATA Doylestown Telephone Company

96-1323-TP-ATA Middle Point Home Telephone Company

96-1327-TP-ATA Columbus Grove Telephone Company

96-1333-TP-ATA McClure Telephone Company

96-1334-TP-ATA Sycamore Telephone Company

96-1335-TP-ATA Minford Telephone Company

96-1337-TP-ATA Vaughnsville Telephone Company

96-1345-TP-ATA Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

96-1362-TP-ATA Ridgeville Telephone Company

96-1401-TP-ATA Wabash Mutual Telephone Company

Cases with final tariff sheets filed on 9/24/98:

96-1313-TP-ATA Sherwood Mutual Telephone Assn.

96-1320-TP-ATA Frontier Communications of Michigan

96-1330-TP-ATA Conneaut Telephone Company

96-1395-TP-ATA Arcadia Telephone Company

96-1397-TP-ATA Little Miami Communications Company

96-1398-TP-ATA Vanlue Telephone Company

96-1399-TP-ATA Oakwood Telephone Company

Status of Remaining Cases:

96-1314-TP-ATA Nova Telephone Company; final tariff sheet filed 9/25/98.

96-1316-TP-ATA Ayersville Telephone Company; proposed rate filed on 8/19/98.

96-1328-TP-ATA Benton Ridge Telephone Company, proposed rate to be filed prior to 12/16/98.

96-1331-TP-ATA Champaign Telephone Company; no proposed tariff.

96-1332-TP-ATA Orwell Telephone Company; proposed rate filed 9/30/98.

96-1341-TP-ATA United Telephone Company, final tariff filed 9/11/981.

96-1343-TP-ATA Fort Jennings Telephone Company; no proposed tariff²

96-1351-TP-ATA Alltel Ohio, Inc.; proposed tariff pages filed 8/24/98.

96-1352-TP-ATA Western Reserve Telephone Company; proposed tariff pages filed 8/24/98.

96-1355-TP-ATA Chillicothe Telephone Company; proposed tariff filed 8/12/98.

96-1358-TP-ATA Century Telephone Company; no proposed tariff.

96-1360-TP-ATA Kalida Telephone Company; information filed on 9/11/98.

¹ As part of the motion filed in these cases, Sprint has requested that this tariff be suspended.

² Docketing records show a final tariff filed on June 26, 1997; presumably this tariff did not include the presubscription implementation charge since it predated the Commission's workshop.

96-1361-TP-ATA New Knoxville Telephone Company; proposed tariff filed on 9/25/98. 96-1372-TP-ATA Bascom Mutual Telephone Company; no proposed tariff. 96-1396-TP-ATA Continental Telephone Company; no proposed tariff. 97-132-TP-ATA/97-520-TP-ATA Buckland Telephone Company; no proposed tariff. 97-846-TP-ATA Pattersonville Telephone Company; no proposed tariff.

As can be seen, in approximately one-half of the cases, final tariff sheets were filed immediately prior to MCI's request for intervention or on the same day that the request was filed. The rest of the cases range in status from proposed implementation charges to no filings at all. However, regardless of the status of the cases, MCI's concern remains the same: what methodology has been used, or will be used, by the small ILECs to derive the charge? This methodology, which may be based on discussions held during the workshop, cannot be ascertained from a reading of the proposed or final tariffs, the docketing sheets, or any of the other filings in these cases. MCI believes that the charges which have been proposed, or have already gone into effect, may inappropriately be based solely on the originating intraLATA minutes of IXCs and not the minutes of both the local exchange carriers and the IXCs as required by the Local Service Guidelines.

With this supplemental pleading and the motion filed on September 24, 1998 MCI is simply requesting that the Commission seek information from the small ILECs as to how the charges were calculated, and clarify that Guideline X.F. contemplates the use of the originating minutes of local exchange and toll providers. For those cases that have final tariffs, MCI would ask that the Commission consider its pleadings to be a request for a Commission-ordered investigation of the charges, or, if necessary, a complaint by MCI challenging the lawfulness and reasonableness of the rates which have been place into effect. The clarification process need not be cumbersome and MCI certainly does not intend to burden the Commission's already overtaxed

resources by suggesting that forty individual complaint proceedings should be initiated. Rather, MCI seeks a formal or an informal resolution of its concerns, perhaps through the use of a conference or meeting at which all interested parties could participate. To the best of MCI's knowledge, only one workshop was held regarding intraLATA presubscription cost recovery, and it is the comments made at that workshop which have given rise to MCI's concerns.

As an IXC providing service throughout Ohio, MCI is clearly a stakeholder in this process and should be granted intervention and an opportunity to participate in these proceedings. MCI would also welcome an opportunity to work informally with the Staff and the ILECs to clarify the methodology which has been used, or will be used, to develop the presubscription implementation charges. MCI's motion, as supplemented herein, should be granted.

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