COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND FUNDING ISSUES

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 360

<u>O R D E R</u>

On November 6, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (collectively "MCI") filed a Motion to postpone the November 10, 1997 hearing until January, 1998. In support of its Motion, MCI contended that the cost models were undergoing modifications and, thus, regulatory economy favored a postponement. Further, MCI argued that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") had revised its testimony on November 4, 1997, and that GTE South Incorporated ("GTE") modified its filing also on November 4, 1997. The new filings afford no opportunity for adequate review prior to the scheduled hearing, according to MCI.

MCI's Motion should be granted in part and denied in part. The process of review for the cost models has been lengthy and delayed. The record contains much information in prefiled testimony that is current and remains part of the parties' proposals. There is, therefore, insufficient reason to postpone the hearing until January as MCI suggests, but a two-day delay may be helpful. In addition, parties should have an opportunity to review the late filed changes.

Therefore the Commission, having reviewed the motion and been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The hearing scheduled to begin November 10, 1997 shall be postponed until November 12, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky.

2. The hearing shall be reconvened on December 10, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, to afford opportunities for cross-examination of the late filed material.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of November, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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ORDER

This matter arising upon the motion of the Kentucky Payphone Association ("Payphone Association") for full intervention, and it appearing to the Commission that the Payphone Association has a special interest which is not otherwise adequately represented, and that such intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The motion of the Kentucky Payphone Association to intervene is granted.
- 2. The Payphone Association shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
- 3. Should the Payphone Association file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, it shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of November, 1997.

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For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director