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In the Matter of)
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Petition of Bell Atlantic Corporation) CC Docket No. 98-11
for Relief from Barriers to Deployment)
of Advanced Telecommunications Services)

MCI COMMENTS ON EXTENSION REQUEST

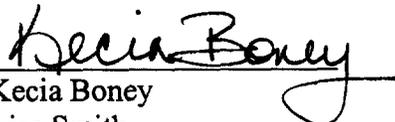
MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI"), hereby files its comments in support of the Motion for Extension filed by the Commercial Internet eXchange Association ("CIX") requesting an extension of time in which to file opening comments in the above-captioned matter. MCI supports an extension until April 1, 1998.

MCI believes that it and all parties would benefit from the additional time to discuss and consider their positions on the Bell Atlantic petition. The additional time would provide other parties an opportunity to provide substantive comments and establish a comprehensive and thorough record.

Wherefore, MCI respectfully requests that the Commission grant CIX's request for an additional thirty (30) days, until April 1st, in which to consider the Bell Atlantic petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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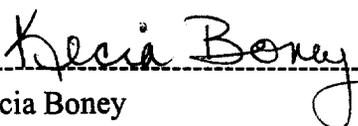
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