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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Virtual Collocation and Expanded)	CC Docket No. 94-97
Interconnection Offerings)	No. 98-240
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Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies)	Transmittal No. 1256
Revision to Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 11)	
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ORDER

Adopted: March 13, 2000

Released: March 13, 2000

By the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau

1. On February 28, 2000 the Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies (Bell Atlantic) filed Transmittal No. 1256 to revise Tariff F.C.C. Nos.1 and 11, Access Service, Expanded Interconnection (EIC). Currently, the tariffs require the transfer of ownership of dedicated terminal equipment used in virtual collocation and located inside the Telephone Company's central office from the customer to Bell Atlantic for the sum of one dollar. With this transmittal, Bell Atlantic among other things, is revising its Collocated Interconnection service to provide that equipment in Virtual Collocation arrangements will be leased rather than sold, by the Collocator to Bell Atlantic. Leasing will be provided for all Virtual Collocation arrangements in effect or established as of March 14, 2000. The term of the operating lease will run for the duration of virtual collocation arrangements.

2. Transmittal No. 1256 raises the same issues regarding rate levels, rate structures, and terms and conditions of virtual collocation services as those that are subject to the investigation of Bell Atlantic's Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 11, Access Service, expanded interconnection service offering.¹ Therefore, Transmittal No. 1256 is suspended for one day and will be subject to the investigation initiated in the *Virtual*

¹ Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 was previously NYNEX Telephone Companies ("NYNEX") Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. This tariff was reissued as Bell Atlantic Tariff F.C.C. No. 11 on April 19, 1999 under Transmittal No. 1126.

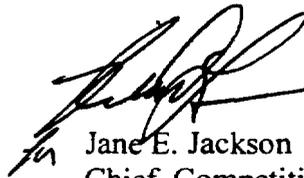
*Collocation Phase I Order*² and the investigation of NYNEX Telephone Companies' New Virtual Expanded Interconnection Offerings.³ Any rates proposed in this transmittal will be subject to an accounting order to facilitate any refunds that may later prove necessary.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 204(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 204(a), and the authority delegated pursuant to Sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, the revisions to Bell Atlantic's Tariff F.C.C. Nos. 1 and 11, filed under Transmittal No. 1256, ARE SUSPENDED for one day from the effective date and an investigation of the referenced transmittal is instituted and incorporated within CC Docket Nos. 94-97 and 98-240.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that BELL ATLANTIC SHALL FILE tariff revisions within five business days of the release date of this Order to reflect this suspension.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 204(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 204(a), BELL ATLANTIC shall keep accurate account of all amounts received by reason of the rates that are subject of this investigation.

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² See Local Exchange Carriers' Rates, Terms, and conditions for Expanded Interconnection Through Virtual Collocation for Special Access and Switched Transport Phase I, CC Docket 94-97, Report and Order, 10 FCC Rcd 6375 (1995) (*Virtual Collocation Phase I Order*).

³ See *In the Matter of Investigation of NYNEX Telephone Companies, New Expanded Interconnection Offerings*, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 1982 (1998).