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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: John D. Albers, Hearing Examiner

DATE: August 23, 2001

SUBJECT: Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech Illinois) and El Paso Networks, LLC

Joint Petition for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement dated July 12, 2001, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter the attached Order approving the Agreement.

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech”) and El Paso Networks, LLC (“El Paso”) seek approval of El Paso’s adoption of the terms and conditions of the interconnection agreement between Ameritech and AT&T Communications of Illinois, Inc. pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Although the deadline for Commission action is not until November 5, 2001, Ameritech and El Paso request expedited approval of the agreement so that they may promptly begin to operate under the agreement. Staff recommends approval of the agreement. No petitions for leave to intervene were filed and there are no contested issues in this proceeding. The attached Order approves the agreement finding that it is not discriminatory and is not contrary to the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

JDA