

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

PUBLIC NOTICE

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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
MFS' PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING THAT
INTERCONNECTOR ACCESS TO LEC SERVICES MAY
NOT BE RESTRICTED**

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On December 4, 1995, MFS Communications Company, Inc. (MFS) filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling seeking a declaratory ruling concerning the Commission's expanded interconnection rules for the purpose of clarifying that interconnecting carriers may cross-connect to a number of LEC-provided services that were not separately identified in the Commission's interconnection orders. Specifically, MFS seeks clarification that interconnecting carriers may cross-connect to the LECs' Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) services, interoffice mileage (IOM) and "Type 2" cellular services. MFS also asks that the Commission should make clear that LECs are required to tariff cross-connections to all of the LECs' other access services, upon *bona fide* request.

MFS states that LECs have refused to cross-connect collocated parties to certain access services, in particular those specified above. MFS further states that the fact that the LECs already provide these services to their customers demonstrates that interconnection between multiple communications users and providers can occur with no demonstrable technical threat to the LECs' networks. Finally, MFS states that the LEC refusals to allow their competitors access to these additional access services are unjustified and unreasonably discriminatory, in violation of the Commission's expanded interconnection orders.

Interested parties are asked to file comments on MFS's petition for declaratory ruling by **December 29, 1995**, and reply comments by **January 12, 1996**, with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. MFS's petition is available for inspection and copying, during normal business hours, in the FCC's Public Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies also can be obtained from the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800.

We will continue to treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact Janice M. Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1577.