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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
SWBT PETITION FOR FORBEARANCE FROM
APPLICATION OF SECTION 272 OF THE ACT
TO PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED SERVICES**

CC Docket No. 96-149

Released: June 10, 1997

On June 4, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a petition for forbearance, pursuant to section 10 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act). SWBT requests that the Commission forbear from applying the separate affiliate requirements of section 272 of the Act to SWBT's provision of Telecommunications Relay Services, to the extent that section 272 would apply to such provisioning.

Interested parties should file comments on the SWBT petition by **July 10, 1997**, and reply comments by **July 25, 1997**, with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, two copies should be sent to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and one copy to International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication. SWBT's petition is available for public 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 can also be obtained from ITS at 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, or by calling (202) 857-3800.

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

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