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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON ALARM INDUSTRY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE AND TO CEASE AND DESIST

CCBPol 97-8

Released: July 3, 1997

On July 2, 1997, the Alarm Industry Communications Committee (AICC) filed a motion requesting that the Commission immediately order Ameritech Corporation to show cause why its acquisition of the alarm monitoring assets of Masada Security, Inc. is not in violation of section 275(a)(2) of the Communications Act, as amended. AICC further requests that the Commission promptly issue a cease and desist order directing Ameritech to rescind its purchases of Masada's assets.

Interested parties should file comments on the AICC motion by August 4, 1997 and reply comments by August 18, 1997, 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. at 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Parties filing comments in this non-docketed proceeding should include the Policy Division internal reference number, CCBPol 97-8, on their pleadings. The AICC motion is available for inspection and copying in the Common Carrier Bureau's Public Reference Room, Room 757, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS by calling (202) 857-3800.

The Commission treats this proceeding as a restricted proceeding pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1208(c)(1)(i)(B) and (c)(1)(ii)(D). This treatment is consistent with the Commission's revised ex parte rules regarding restricted proceedings, which became effective June 2, 1997. See In the Matter of Amendment of 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 et seq. Concerning Ex Parte Presentation in Commission Proceedings, GC Docket No. 95-21, Report and Order, FCC 97-92 (rel. March 19, 1997); 62 Fed. Reg. 15852.

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