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In re: Expanded Interconnection Phase II and Local Transport Restructure Docket No. 921074-TP Docket No. 930955-TL Docket No. 940014-TL Docket No. 940020-TL Docket No. 931196-TL Docket No. 940190-TL Filed: July 27, 1994

# PREHEARING STATEMENT BY TIME WARNER AXS OF FLORIDA, L.P.

COMES NOW, Time Warner AxS of Florida, L.P., ("Time Warner"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.038, Florida Administrative Code, the Order Establishing Procedure (Order No. PSC-94-0076-PCO-TL), and the Order Establishing Preliminary Issues (Order No. PSC-94-0277-PCO-TL) and respectfully submits its Prehearing Statement in the abovecaptioned docket to the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission" or "FPSC").

# I. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Expanded interconnection of intrastate switched access is in the public interest and is consistent with the FCC's treatment of interstate switched access. Expanded interconnection of switched access will facilitate the growth of competitive telecommunications networks in Florida and provide Florida's consumers with "state of the art" telecommunications service.

It is essential to the development of competition that interconnection with the LEC networks is priced fairly and is not cumbersome technologically. Collocation should be provided in a manner which is technically, economically and operationally equivalent to a physical collocation <u>standard</u>. A standard of reasonableness is also necessary to prevent incumbent LECs from building inefficiencies into collocation arrangements which will DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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In Phase I of this proceeding, the Commission determined that the intrastate collocation policy for special access generally should mirror the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") interstate collocation mandate. Tariffs have been filed in Phase II of the proceeding in response to the Phase I decision. Because of the relationship of interstate collocation to both Phase I and Phase II, the District of Columbia Circuit Court's remand of the FCC's collocation decision (Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies v. FCC, 1994 WL 247134 (D.C. Cir.)) creates uncertainty regarding some of the issues which are before the FPSC.

There is a strong indication that it is more efficient for the intrastate collocation arrangements for switched access and special access to be compatible with the interstate collocation arrangements for those services. However, while the FCC has voted to mandate virtual collocation, an order establishing standards for virtual collocation has not been issued. Thus, standards adopted by the FPSC must be flexible enough to assure compatibility between interstate and intrastate collocation standards.

Incumbent local exchange companies ("LEC") should not be granted pricing flexibility beyond that provided for by the FCC. Specifically, Contract Service Arrangements (CSAs) should not be allowed for these services.

Restructure of local transport should not proceed prior to the implementation of expanded interconnection.

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# II. WITNESSES, TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

Time Warner does not intend to call any witnesses, present testimony or present exhibits in this docket.

## III. ISSUES OF LAW AND POLICY

Time Warner recognizes and acknowledges that twenty-five (25) issues of law and policy have been identified and will be addressed by the Commission in this docket. Each is incorporated in this Prehearing Statement by reference, and is believed by Time Warner to be at issue.

#### ISSUE 1:

How is switched access provisioned and priced today? TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No position. Time Warner does not provide these services.

#### ISSUE 2:

How is local transport structured and priced today? TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No position. Time Warner does not provide these services.

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### ISSUE 3:

Under what circumstances should the Commission impose the same or different forms and conditions of expanded interconnection than the F.C.C.?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Generally, the Phase I modifications to the FCC decision should apply in Phase II. However, at present, the FCC has not issued an order which establishes standards for virtual collocation. The FPSC should implement standards for interconnection for intrastate services which assure that interconnection is reasonably priced and is not technologically, administratively or economically limiting for interconnectors. There should be no incumbent LEC pricing flexibility beyond that allowed by the FCC.

## ISSUE 4:

Is expanded interconnection for switched access in the public interest? (The following should be discussed within this issue: Potential separations impact; Potential revenue impact on LECs, their ratepayers, and potential competitors; Potential ratepayer impact.)

TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Yes. Expanded interconnection for switched access is in the public interest.

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#### ISSUE 5:

Is the offering of dedicated and switched services between non-affiliated entities by non-LECs in the public interest? TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Yes. Non-LEC offering of dedicated and switched services between non-affiliated entities is in the public interest. Such a regulatory approach will provide Florida's consumers with the benefits of a competitive telecommunications market.

### ISSUE 6:

Does Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, allow the Commission to require expanded interconnection for switched access? TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Yes. However, Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, limits the purposes for which expanded interconnection of switched access can be used by competitors.

## ISSUE 7:

Does a physical collocation mandate raise federal or state constitutional questions about the taking or confiscation of LEC property?

TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. However, Time Warner acknowledges that "substantial constitutional questions" regarding the taking question were noted in the federal court's remand of the FCC's orders.

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#### ISSUE 8:

Should the Commission require physical and/or virtual collocation for switched access expanded interconnection?

The FPSC should adopt physical collocation as a standard against which virtual collocation arrangements are measured. Virtual collocation should be provided in a manner which is technically, economically, administratively and operationally equivalent to physical collocation. A standard of reasonableness is also necessary to prevent incumbent LECs from building inefficiencies into collocation arrangements which will impede competition. The Commission should allow negotiated physical collocation arrangements as an alternative to virtual collocation.

### ISSUE 9:

Which LECs should provide switched access expanded interconnection?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

For consistency, the FPSC should mirror its Phase I determinations regarding special access.

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#### ISSUE 10:

From what LEC facilities should expanded interconnection for switched access be offered? Should expanded interconnection for switched access be required from all such facilities?

TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

For consistency, the Commission should mirror the FCC's decisions as refined by the Commission's decisions regarding special access interconnection in Phase I of this proceeding.

#### ISSUE 11:

Which entities should be allowed expanded interconnection for switched access?

#### TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

For consistency, the Commission should mirror the FCC's decisions as refined by the Commission's decisions regarding special access in Phase I of this proceeding.

#### ISSUE 12:

Should collocators be required to allow LECs and other parties to interconnect with their network?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. However, the public interest in ubiquitous service assumes interconnection of competing networks. As such, facilities based carriers should facilitate interconnection of competing networks for purposes of the completion of <u>common carrier telecommunications traffic</u>. Such a policy must be addressed in the context of market power.

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#### ISSUE 13:

Should the Commission allow switched access expanded interconnection for non-fiber optic technology?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Yes. The Commission should allow switched access interconnection for non-fiber optic technology.

### ISSUE 14:

Should all switched access transport providers be required to file tariffs?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. Only incumbent LECs should be required to file tariffs.

## **ISSUE 15:**

Should the proposed LEC flexible pricing plans for private line and special access services be approved?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. The Commission should approve no pricing flexibility for intrastate private line and special access services beyond that allowed by the FCC for interstate services. Price flexibility should be allowed only after implementation of expanded interconnection.

#### ISSUE 16:

Should the LECs proposed intrastate private line and special access expanded interconnection tariffs be approved? TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. Tariffs should only be approved consistent with other decisions reached in this in this docket.

#### ISSUE 17:

Should the LECs proposed intrastate switched access interconnection tariffs be approved?

### TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. Tariffs should only be approved consistent with other decisions reached in this docket.

#### ISSUE 18:

Should the LECs be granted additional pricing flexibility? If so, what should it be?

### TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. The incumbent LECs should be granted no more pricing flexibility for intrastate services than was allowed for interstate services. Price flexibility should be allowed only after the implementation of expanded interconnection.

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#### ISSUE 19:

Should the Commission modify its pricing and rate structure regarding switched transport service?

a) With the implementation of switched expanded interconnection.

b) Without the implementation of switched expanded interconnection.

#### TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

The Commission should modify its pricing and rate structure regarding switched transport only after implementation of switched expanded interconnection.

### ISSUE 20:

If the Commission changes its policy on the pricing and rate structure of switched transport service, which of the following should the new policy be based on:

a) The intrastate pricing and rate structure of local transport should mirror each LEC's interstate filing, respectively.

b) The intrastate pricing and rate structure of local transport should be determined by competitive conditions in the transport market.

c) The intrastate pricing and rate structure of local transport should reflect the underlying cost based structure.

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d) The intrastate pricing and rate structure of local transport should reflect other methods.

#### TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

If the Commission changes its policy on the pricing and rate structure of switched transport service, the new policy should be based on statements "a," "b" and "c" above.

#### ISSUE 21:

Should the LECs proposed local transport restructure tariffs be approved? If not, what changes should be made to the tariffs? TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No. Tariffs should only be approved consistent with other decisions reached in this docket.

#### ISSUE 22:

Should the Modified Access Based Compensation (MABC) agreement be modified to incorporate a revised transport structure (if local transport restructure is adopted) for intraLATA toll traffic between LECs?

TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No position at this time.

#### ISSUE 23:

How should the Commission's imputation guidelines be modified to reflect a revised transport structure (if local transport restructure is adopted?

TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

No position at this time.

## ISSUE 23(a):

Should the Commission modify the Phase I order in light of the decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit?

### TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Yes. The Court of Appeals remand and subsequent FCC vote impact both the Phase I Order and the tariffs filed in Phase II of this proceeding.

## ISSUE 24:

Should these dockets be closed?

## TIME WARNER'S POSITION:

Depending on the decisions reached in this proceeding, additional Commission review may be necessary.

# IV. PENDING MATTERS

Time Warner has filed a Motion to Strike portions of Mr. John Carroll's testimony on behalf of Northeast Florida Telephone Company and Quincy Telephone Company.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of July, 1994.

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