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November 18, 1996

TO : DIVISION OF RECORDS & REPORTING

FROM : DIANA W. CALDWELL, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL *DWC*

RE : DOCKET NO. 960525-TL, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 25-24.471, F.A.C., APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE

Attached is an original and three copies of the certification of Rule 25-24.471. The Department of State must receive the original and two copies of the certification no later than 5:00 p.m., November 18, 1996. The Certification includes:

- (1) An original and two certified copies of Rule 25-24.471, F.A.C., and a true and complete copy of Form PSC/CMU 31 (Rev. 12/96) incorporated by reference into the rule;
- (2) A summary of the rule;
- (3) A summary of the hearing on the rule; and
- (4) A written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the rule.

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CERTIFICATION OF
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I do hereby certify:

(1) That all statutory rulemaking requirements of Chapter 120, F.S., have been complied with; and

(2) There is no administrative determination under subsection 120.56(2), F.S., pending on any rule covered by this certification; and

(3) All rules covered by this certification are filed within the prescribed time limitations of paragraph 120.54(3)(e), F.S. They are filed not less than 28 days after the notice required by paragraph 120.54(3)(a), F.S., and;

(a) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice; or

(b) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice not including days an administrative determination was pending; or

(c) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but not less than 21 days from the date of publication of the notice of change; or

(d) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the adjournment of the final public hearing on the rule; or

(e) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but

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within 21 days after the date of receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing; or

 / (f) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the date the transcript was received by this agency; or

 / (g) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice, not including days the adoption of the rule was postponed following notification from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee that an objection to the rule was being considered.

Attached are the original and two copies of each rule covered by this certification. The rules are hereby adopted by the undersigned agency by and upon their filing with the Department of State.

Rule No. 25-24.471

Under the provision of subparagraph 120.54(3)(e)6., F.S., the rules take effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State or a later date as set out below:

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1 25-24.471 Application for Certificate.

2 (1) An applicant desiring to apply for a certificate shall
3 submit an application on Commission Form PSC/CMU 31 (12/96)
4 ~~(4/91)~~, which is incorporated into this rule by reference. Form
5 PSC/CMU 31 (12/96) ~~(4/91)~~, entitled "Application Form for Authority
6 to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Between Points
7 Within the State of Florida," may be obtained by contacting the
8 Commission's Division of Communications. A non-refundable
9 application fee of \$250.00 must accompany the filing of all
10 applications.

11 (2). An original and 12 ~~twelve (12)~~ copies of the application
12 shall be filed with the Division of Records and Reporting.

13 (3) A certificate will be granted if the Commission
14 determines that such approval is in the public interest.

15 (4) Any authority granted to interexchange companies (IXCs)
16 previously or hereafter is subject to the following:

17 (a) Toll authority granted to all companies is statewide. A
18 company may provide toll service over its own or resold facilities.
19 However, end user dialed 0+ local and all 0- calls shall be
20 initially routed to the serving local exchange company or
21 alternative local exchange company ~~the local exchange company shall~~
22 ~~be the sole carrier for 0+ local, 0- local and 0- intralATA toll~~
23 ~~calls dialed by end users. When operator services are provided by~~
24 the alternative local exchange company, the alternative local
25 exchange company must also provide access to emergency service.

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~~struck-through~~ type are deletions from existing law.

1 busy line verification, and emergency interrupt service to the end
2 user on at least the same level as that provided by the local
3 exchange company. Call aggregators and IXCs shall not change or
4 augment the dialing pattern of end users for 0+ local or 0- such
5 calls. ~~IXCs may only provide intralATA toll services to end users~~
6 ~~with whom they have a prior and ongoing relationship or who dial~~
7 ~~the appropriate access code, e.g., 950, 800, or 10XXX.~~

8 (b) Minor ~~i~~nterexchange companies are not required to
9 provide service throughout their certificated service area, but
10 must accept customers on a nondiscriminatory basis. Companies
11 deemed major interexchange companies on December 31, 1994, are
12 required to provide service in any exchange that is not equal
13 access capable to all customers in that exchange making a request
14 for service.

15 (c) Where only one interexchange carrier is available in a
16 confinement facility, that interexchange carrier shall provide for
17 completion of all inmate calls allowed by the confinement facility.

18 (d) A certificate to provide interexchange service does not
19 carry with it the authority to provide local exchange, shared
20 tenant, alternative access, alternative local exchange, or pay
21 telephone service. A separate application must be made for such
22 authority.

23 Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS.

24 Law Implemented 364.03, 364.32, 364.33, 364.335, 364.337, 364.345
25 FS.

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CERTIFICATION OF
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FORM INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN RULE 25-24.471

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Pursuant to Rule 1S-1.005, Florida Administrative Code, I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of Form PSC/CMU 31 (11/96), "Application Form for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Within the State of Florida", which is incorporated by reference in Rule 25-24.471, Florida Administrative Code.

Under the provision of subparagraph 120.54(3)(e)6., F.S., the incorporated material takes effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State or a later date as set out below:

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**** FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ***

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU OF SERVICE EVALUATION

APPLICATION FORM
for
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Instructions

- A. This form is used for an original application for a certificate and for approval of sale, assignment or transfer of an existing certificate. In case of a sale, assignment or transfer, the information provided shall be for the purchaser, assignee or transferee (See Appendix A).
- B. Respond to each item requested in the application and appendices. If an item is not applicable, please explain why.
- C. Use a separate sheet for each answer which will not fit the allotted space.
- D. If you have questions about completing the form, contact:
- E. Once completed, submit the original and six (6) copies of this form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Communications
Bureau of Service Evaluation
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Gunter Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
(904) 413-6600

Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Administration
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Gunter Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
(904) 413-6251

FORM PSC/CMU 31 (3/96)

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1. This is an application for (check one):
- Original Authority (New company).
 - Approval of Transfer (To another certificated company).
 - Approval of Assignment of existing certificate (To an uncertificated company).
 - Approval for transfer of control (To another certificated company).
2. Select what type of business your company will be conducting (check all that apply):
- Facilities based carrier - company owns and operates or plans to own and operate telecommunications switches and transmission facilities in Florida.
 - Operator Service Provider - company provides or plans to provide alternative operator services for IXCs; or toll operator services to call aggregator locations; or clearinghouse services to bill such calls.
 - Reseller - company has or plans to have one or more switches but primarily leases the transmission facilities of other carriers. Bills its own customer base for services used.
 - Switchless Rebiller - company has no switch or transmission facilities but may have a billing computer. Aggregates traffic to obtain bulk discounts from underlying carrier. Rebills end users at a rate above its discount but generally below the rate end users would pay for unaggregated traffic.
 - Multi-Location Discount Aggregator - company contracts with unaffiliated entities to obtain bulk/volume discounts under multi-location discount plans from certain underlying carriers. Then offers the resold service by enrolling unaffiliated customers.

3. Name of corporation, partnership, cooperative, joint venture or sole proprietorship:
4. Name under which the applicant will do business (fictitious name, etc.):
5. National address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code).
6. Florida address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code):
7. Structure of organization;
 - Individual Corporation
 - Foreign Corporation Foreign Partnership
 - General Partnership Limited Partnership
 - Other, _____
8. If applicant is an individual or partnership, please give name, title and address of sole proprietor or partners.
 - (a) Provide proof of compliance with the foreign limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.169 FS), if applicable.
 - (b) Indicate if the individual or any of the partners have previously been:
 - (1) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings.
 - (2) officer, director, partner or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company. If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.

9. If incorporated, please give:

- (a) Proof from the Florida Secretary of State that the applicant has authority to operate in Florida.

Corporate charter number: _____

- (b) Name and address of the company's Florida registered agent.

- (c) Provide proof of compliance with the fictitious name statute (Chapter 865.09 FS), if applicable.

Fictitious name registration number: _____

- (c) Indicate if any of the officers, directors, or any of the ten largest stockholders have previously been:

(1) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings.

(2) officer, director, partner or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company. If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.

10. Who will serve as liaison with the Commission in regard to (please give name, title, address and telephone number):

- (a) The application;
- (b) Official Point of Contact for the ongoing operations of the company;
- (c) Tariff;

(d) Complaints/Inquiries from customers;

11. List the states in which the applicant:

- (a) Has operated as an interexchange carrier.
- (b) Has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange carrier.
- (c) Is certificated to operate as an interexchange carrier.
- (d) Has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange carrier and the circumstances involved.
- (e) Has had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telecommunications statutes and the circumstances involved.
- (f) Has been involved in civil court proceedings with an interexchange carrier, local exchange company or other telecommunications entity, and the circumstances involved.

12. What services will the applicant offer to other certificated telephone companies:

- Facilities. Operators.
- Billing and Collection. Sales.
- Maintenance.
- Other: _____

13. Do you have a marketing program?

14. Will your marketing program:
- Pay commissions?
 - Offer sales franchises?
 - Offer multi-level sales incentives?
 - Offer other sales incentives?
15. Explain any of the offers checked in question 14 (To whom, what amount, type of franchise, etc.).
16. Who will receive the bills for your service (Check all that apply)?
- Residential customers. Business customers.
 - PATS providers. PATS station end-users.
 - Hotels & motels. Hotel & motel guests.
 - Universities. Univ. dormitory residents.
 - Other: (specify) _____.
17. Please provide the following (if applicable):
- (a) Will the name of your company appear on the bill for your services, and if not who will the billed party contact to ask questions about the bill (provide name and phone number) and how is this information provided?
 - (b) Name and address of the firm who will bill for your service.
18. Please provide all available documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the following capabilities to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Florida.

A. Financial capability.

Regarding the showing of financial capability, the following applies:

The application should contain the applicant's financial statements, including:

1. the balance sheet
2. income statement
3. statement of retained earnings for the most recent 3 years.

If available, the financial statements should be audited financial statements.

If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it shall be so stated. The unaudited financial statements should then be signed by the applicant's chief executive officer and chief financial officer. The signatures should affirm that the financial statements are true and correct.

B. Managerial capability.

C. Technical capability.

19. Please submit the proposed tariff under which the company plans to begin operation. Use the format required by Commission Rule 25-24.485 (example enclosed).

20. The applicant will provide the following interexchange carrier services (Check all that apply):

MTS with distance sensitive per minute rates

Method of access is FGA

Method of access is FGB

Method of access is FGD

Method of access is 800

MTS with route specific rates per minute

Method of access is FGA

Method of access is FGB

Method of access is FGD

Method of access is 800

MTS with statewide flat rates per minute (i.e. not distance sensitive)

Method of access is FGA

Method of access is FGB

Method of access is FGD

Method of access is 800

MTS for pay telephone service providers

Block-of-time calling plan (Reach out Florida, Ring America, etc.).

800 Service (Toll free)

WATS type service (Bulk or volume discount)

Method of access is via dedicated facilities

Method of access is via switched facilities

Private Line services (Channel Services)

(For ex. 1.544 mbs., DS-3, etc.)

Travel Service
 Method of access is 950
 Method of access is 800

900 service

Operator Services
 Available to presubscribed customers
 Available to non presubscribed customers (for example to patrons of hotels, students in universities, patients in hospitals.
 Available to inmates

Services included are:

Station assistance
 Person to Person assistance
 Directory assistance
 Operator verify and interrupt
 Conference Calling

21. What does the end user dial for each of the interexchange carrier services that were checked in services included (above).

22. Other:

**** APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT ****

1. **REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .15 of one percent of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual assessment fee of \$50 is required.
2. **GROSS RECEIPTS TAX:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a gross receipts tax of two and one-half percent on all intra and interstate business.
3. **SALES TAX:** I understand that a seven percent sales tax must be paid on intra and interstate revenues.
4. **APPLICATION FEE:** A non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted with the application.
5. **RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF RULES:** I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the Florida Public Service Commission's Rules and Orders relating to my provision of interexchange telephone service in Florida. I also understand that it is my responsibility to comply with all current and future Commission requirements regarding interexchange service.
6. **ACCURACY OF APPLICATION:** By my signature below, I the undersigned owner or officer of the named utility in the application, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and associated attachments. I have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is a true and correct statement.
Further, I am aware that pursuant to Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes, "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and s. 775.083".

UTILITY OFFICIAL: _____

Signature

Date

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Title

Telephone No.

**** APPENDIX A ****

CERTIFICATE TRANSFER STATEMENT

I, (TYPE NAME) _____,
(TITLE) _____, of (NAME OF COMPANY)
_____, and current
holder of certificate number _____, have reviewed
this application and join in the petitioner's request for a
transfer of the above-mentioned certificate.

UTILITY OFFICIAL: _____

Signature

_____ Date

Title

_____ Telephone No.

**** APPENDIX B ****

CUSTOMER DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS

A statement of how the Commission can be assured of the security of the customer's deposits and advance payments may be responded to in one of the following ways (applicant please check one):

- () The applicant will not collect deposits nor will it collect payments for service more than one month in advance.

- () The applicant will file with the Commission and maintain a surety bond in an amount equal to the current balance of deposits and advance payments in excess of one month. (Bond must accompany application.)

UTILITY OFFICIAL: _____

Signature

_____ Date

Title

_____ Telephone No.

5. **TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS:** Please explain how the applicant will comply with the EAEA requirements contained in Commission Rule 25-24.471 (4) (a) (copy enclosed).

6. **CURRENT FLORIDA INTRASTATE SERVICES:** Applicant has () or has not () previously provided intrastate telecommunications in Florida. If the answer is has, fully describe the following:

a) What services have been provided and when did these services begin?

b) If the services are not currently offered, when were they discontinued?

UTILITY OFFICIAL: _____

Signature

_____ Date

_____ Title

_____ Telephone No.

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**** APPENDIX D ****

FLORIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

AND

EAS ROUTES

Describe the service area in which you hold yourself out to provide service by telephone company exchange. If all services listed in your tariff are not offered at all locations, so indicate.

In an effort to assist you, attached is a list of major exchanges in Florida showing the small exchanges with which each has extended area service (EAS).

**** FLORIDA EAS FOR MAJOR EXCHANGES ****

<u>Extended Service Area</u>	<u>with</u>	<u>These Exchanges</u>
PENSACOLA:		Cantonment, Gulf Breeze Pace, Milton Holley-Navarre.
PANAMA CITY:		Lynn Haven, Panama City Beach, Youngstown-Fountain and Tyndall AFB.
TALLAHASSEE:		Crawfordville, Havana, Monticello, Panacea, Sopchoppy and St. Marks.
JACKSONVILLE:		Baldwin, Ft. George, Jacksonville Beach, Callahan, Maxville, Middleburg Orange Park, Ponte Vedra and Julington.
GAINESVILLE:		Alachua, Archer, Brooker, Hawthorne, High Springs, Melrose, Micanopy, Newberry and Waldo.
OCALA:		Belleview, Citra, Dunnellon,

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Forest Lady Lake (B21),
McIntosh, Oklawaha,
Orange Springs, Salt Springs and
Silver Springs Shores.

DAYTONA BEACH:

New Smyrna Beach.

TAMPA:

Central	None
East	Plant City
North	Zephyrhills
South	Palmetto
West	Clearwater

CLEARWATER:

St. Petersburg, Tampa-West and
Tarpon Springs.

ST. PETERSBURG:

Clearwater.

LAKELAND:

Bartow, Mulberry, Plant City,
Polk City and Winter Haven.

ORLANDO:

Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena
Vista, Oviedo, Windermere,
Winter Garden,
Winter Park, Montverde, Reedy
Creek, and Oviedo-Winter
Springs.

WINTER PARK: Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena Vista,
Orlando, Oviedo, Sanford, Windermere,
Winter Garden, Oviedo-Winter Springs
Reedy Creek, Geneva and Montverde.

TITUSVILLE:

Cocoa and Cocoa Beach.

COCOA:

Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie,
Melbourne and Titusville.

MELBOURNE:

Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie
and Sebastian.

SARASOTA:

Bradenton, Myakka and Venice.

FT. MYERS:

Cape Coral, Ft. Myers Beach, North Cape
Coral, North Ft. Myers, Pine Island, Lehigh
Acres and Sanibel-Captiva Islands.

NAPLES:

Marco Island and North Naples.

WEST PALM BEACH:

Boynton Beach and Jupiter.

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POMPANO BEACH:

Boca Raton, Coral Springs,
Deerfield Beach and Ft.
Lauderdale.

FT. LAUDERDALE:

Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach,
Hollywood and Pompano Beach.

HOLLYWOOD:

Ft. Lauderdale and North Dade.

NORTH DADE:

Hollywood, Miami and Perrine.

MIAMI:

Homestead, North Dade and
Perrine

**** APPENDIX E ****

**** GLOSSARY ****

ACCESS CODE: The term denotes a uniform four or seven digit code assigned to an individual IXC. The five digit code has the form 10XXX and the seven digit code has the form 950-XXXX.

BYPASS: Transmission facilities that go direct from the local exchange end user to an IXC point of presence, thus bypassing the local exchange company.

CARRIERS CARRIER: An IXC that provides telecommunications service, mainly bulk transmission service, to other IXC only.

CENTRAL OFFICE: A local operating unit by means of which connections are established between subscribers' lines and trunk or toll lines to other central offices within the same exchange or other exchanges. Each three (3) digit central office code (NXX) used shall be considered a separate central office unit.

CENTRAL OFFICE CODE: The term denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the seven (7) digit telephone number assigned to a customer's telephone exchange service.

COMMISSION: The Florida Public Service Commission.

COMPANY, TELEPHONE COMPANY, UTILITY: These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of furnishing communication service to the public under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

DEDICATED FACILITY: The term denotes a transmission circuit which is permanently for the exclusive use of a customer or a pair of customers.

END USER: The term denotes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, governmental agency or any other entity which (A) obtains a common line, uses a pay telephone or obtains interstate service arrangements in the operating territory of the company or (B) subscribes to interstate services provided by an IXC or uses the services of the IXC when the IXC provides interstate service for its own use.

EQUAL ACCESS EXCHANGE AREAS: EAEA means a geographic area, configured based on 1987 planned toll center/access tandem areas, in which local exchange companies are responsible for providing equal access to both carriers and customers of carriers in the most economically efficient manner.

EXCHANGE: The entire telephone plant and facilities used in providing telephone service to subscribers located in an exchange area. An exchange may include more than one central office unit.

EXCHANGE (SERVICE) AREA: The territory, including the base rate suburban and rural areas served by an exchange, within which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE: A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provision whereby subscribers of a given exchange or area may complete calls to, and receive messages from, one or more other contiguous exchanges without toll charges, or complete calls to one or more other exchanges without toll message charges.

FACILITIES BASED: An IXC that has its own transmission and/or switching equipment or other elements of equipment and does not rely on others to provide this service.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES: A classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions whereby a subscriber may be provided telephone service from an exchange other than the one from which he would normally be served.

FEATURE GROUPS: General categories of unbundled tariffs to stipulate related services.

Feature Group A: Line side connections presently serving specialized common carriers.

Feature Group B: Trunk side connections without equal digit or code dialing.

Feature Group C: Trunk side connections presently serving AT&T-C.

Feature Group D: Equal trunk access with subscription.

INTEREXCHANGE COMPANY: means any telephone company, as defined in Section 364.02(4), F.S. (excluding Payphone Providers), which provides telecommunication service between exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of individual local exchange companies.

INTER-OFFICE CALL: A telephone call originating in one central office unit or entity but terminating in another central office unit or entity both of which are in the same designated exchange area.

INTRA-OFFICE CALL: A telephone call originating and terminating within the same central office unit or entity.

INTRASTATE COMMUNICATIONS: The term denotes any communications in Florida subject to oversight by the Florida Public Service Commission as provided by the laws of the State.

INTRA-STATE TOLL MESSAGE: Those toll messages which originate and terminate within the same state.

LOCAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORT AREA: LATA means the geographic area established for the administration of communications service. It encompasses designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (LEC): Means any telephone company, as defined in Section 364.02(4), F.S., which, in addition to any other telephonic communication service, provides telecommunication service within exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of the telephone company.

OPTIONAL CALLING PLAN: An optional service furnished under tariff provisions which recognizes a need of some subscribers for extended area calling without imposing the cost on the entire body of subscribers.

900 SERVICE: A service similar to 800 service, except this service is charged back to the customer based on first minute plus additional minute usage.

PIN NUMBER: A group of numbers used by a company to identify their customers.

PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY: Means any telephone company, other than a Local Exchange Company, which provides pay telephone service as defined in Section 364.335(4), F.S.

POINT OF PRESENCE (POP): Bell-coined term which designates the

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actual (physical) location of an IXC's facility. Replaces some applications of the term "demarcation point."

PRIMARY SERVICE: Individual line service or party line service.

RESELLER: An IXC that does not have certain facilities but purchases telecommunications service from an IXC and then resells that service to others.

STATION: A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus so connected as to permit sending and/or receiving telephone messages.

SUBSCRIBER, CUSTOMER: These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization, or governmental agency supplied with communication service by a telephone company.

SUBSCRIBER LINE: The circuit or channel used to connect the subscriber station with the central office equipment.

SWITCHING CENTER: Location at which telephone traffic, either local or toll, is switched or connected from one circuit or line to another. A local switching center may be comprised of several central office units.

TRUNK: A communication channel between central office units or entities, or private branch exchanges.

ATTACHMENTS:

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- B - CUSTOMER DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS
- C - INTRASTATE NETWORK
- D - FLORIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGES and EAS ROUTES
- E - GLOSSARY

Rule 25-24.471
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SUMMARY OF RULE

The rule is amended to allow IXCs the ability to provide 1+ and 0+ intraLATA toll calls; it recognizes ALECs as providers of 0- service and places certain service requirements on those ALECS providing the 0- service, and incorporates by reference revisions to PSC/CMU Form 31.

SUMMARY OF HEARINGS ON THE RULE

As no hearing was requested, none was held.

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING THE RULE

Commission Order No. PSC-95-0203-FOF-TP removed the restriction that reserved all 1+ and 0+ dialed intraLATA toll calls to the local exchange company and allows interexchange carriers to provide 1+ and 0+ intraLATA toll calls. In order to encourage competition as required by Chapter 95-403, LOF, alternative local exchange companies are recognized as providers of 0- service. Other amendments are made to correct certain revisions that were inadvertently provided for publishing that were not voted on by the Commission.

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