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Public Service Commission

July 10, 1998

In re: Procedures and Operative Dates for Study on Fair and Reasonable Residential Basic Local Telecommunications Rates, Special Project No. 980000A-SP

Dear Interested Person:

In accordance with Chapter 98-277, General Laws of Florida, the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is required, among other things, to study and report to the Legislature, by February 15, 1999, the fair and reasonable rate for Florida residential basic local telecommunications service. In order to effectuate the timely completion of the required report, we have established this matter as Special Project No. 980000A-SP Fair and Reasonable Residential Basic Local Telecommunications Rates. In conjunction with this Special Project, Docket No. 980733-TL has been opened for discovery purposes related to the project. As indicated in the procedural order in that docket, discovery must be completed by October 30, 1998. All discovery must allow for the standard response time in meeting this deadline.

ACK _____
 AFA _____ As required by the new law, the Commission will conduct public hearings to elicit public
 APP _____ testimony in the service territory of each local exchange company (LEC). Commission staff will
 CAF _____ conduct a technical workshop to be held in Tallahassee. Participation is open to all interested
 CMU _____ persons. Formal intervention is not necessary to participate in either Special Project No. 980000A-
 CTR _____ SP or in Docket No. 980733-TL. Persons who wish to receive notices, project schedules, and other
 EAG _____ documents pertaining to these proceedings must notify the Division of Records and Reporting.
 LEG _____ Filings
 LIN _____
 OPD _____ All discovery and related motions must be filed in Docket No. 980733-TL. All other filings,
 RCH _____ including workshop participant comments and responses to staff data requests, must be filed under
 SEC _____ Special Project No. 980000A-SP, Fair and Reasonable Residential Basic Local Telecommunications
 WAS _____ Rates.
 OTH _____ *Brad*

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Any information provided pursuant to a data request in this special project for which proprietary confidential business information status is requested will be temporarily treated by the Commission and the participants as confidential. The participants must file such information under a claim of confidentiality, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(5), Florida Administrative Code, and Section 364.183(1), Florida Statutes. Upon the filing of a claim of confidentiality, a temporary protective order will be issued to temporarily exempt the material from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. In the event the material is made the subject of a public records request, the participant claiming confidentiality must file a line-by-line request for confidential treatment, in accordance with Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code. The information will be exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, pending a formal ruling on such request. If no determination of confidentiality has been made and the information will not be retained as support for our Report, it will be returned expeditiously to the person providing the information. If a determination of confidentiality has been made and the information will not be retained as support for our report, it will be returned to the person providing the information within the time period set forth in Section 364.183(2), Florida Statutes.

Use of Confidential Information in Technical Workshop

It is the policy of this Commission that all Commission workshops and hearings be open to the public at all times. The Commission also recognizes its obligation pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, to protect proprietary confidential business information from disclosure. Any participant wishing to use or refer to any proprietary confidential business information, as that term is defined in Section 364.183(4), Florida Statutes, must notify the Commission and the participant or interested person to whom the information belongs no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning of the technical workshop. The notice must include a procedure to ensure that the confidential nature of the information is preserved as required by statute.

When confidential information is used in the workshop, participants making use of the material must have copies for the necessary staff and the Court Reporter in envelopes clearly marked with the nature of the contents. Any participant wishing to examine the confidential material must be provided a copy in the same fashion as provided to the necessary staff, subject to execution of any appropriate protective agreement with the owner of the material. Participants are cautioned to avoid verbalizing confidential information in such a way that would compromise the confidential information. At the conclusion of that portion of the workshop where confidential information has been used, all copies of confidential material will be returned to the participant making use of the material.

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September 23	6:00 pm	GTEFL	Tampa
September 24	10:00 am	Vista-United	Celebration
September 24	6:00 pm	BellSouth	Orlando
September 25	10:00 am	Sprint	Altamonte Springs
October 5	2:00 pm CT	GT Com	Port St. Joe
October 23	1:30 pm	GT Com	Perry

As part of the preparation for these customer hearings, LECs must file a copy of their responses to the FPSC staff's June 19, 1998 data request, including an executive summary of any cost data included in the response, in the public library of each county in which a LEC provides service. These materials are to be filed in the libraries no later than August 15, 1998.

The FPSC staff has provided to the LECs the language to be used in the bill insert or message containing information regarding the public hearings. It will be the responsibility of the companies to provide the bill message or insert to their customers prior to the dates of the hearings, to the extent possible.

Any questions regarding these procedures should be directed to me at (850) 413-6554, or to Dave Dowds at (850) 413-6542, or Beth Keating at (850) 413-6212.

Sincerely,



Anne E. Marsh
Economic Analyst