Notice of Proposed Rule

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NO: RULE TITLE

25-4.066: Availability of Service

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed amendments are intended to simplify, streamline, and clarify the rule.

Docket No. 080641-TP

SUMMARY: This rule is amended to clarify that the rule applies to residential service only. This rule is amended to streamline installation requirements, including a provision that the rule not apply if an applicant requests broadband and/or video service at the same time as residential phone service.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS: The rule amendments benefit the Commission, companies, and customers by having a more simple, streamlined, and clarified rule, and companies' administrative costs would likely decrease. However, the amendments could possibly have negative impacts on customers due to longer time for installation of new service.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2) FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: <u>364.025</u>, <u>364.03</u>, <u>364.14</u>, <u>364.15</u>, <u>364.183</u>, <u>364.185</u> FS

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN FAW.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kathryn G.W. Cowdery, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850) 413-6216.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-4.066 Availability of Residential Service.

- (1) Each telecommunications company shall provide central office equipment and outside plant facilities designed and engineered in accordance with realistic anticipated customer demands for <u>residential</u> basic local telecommunications service within its certificated area in accordance with its filed tariffs, or orders of the Commission, subject to its ability to secure and provide, for reasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights for construction and maintenance of such facilities.
- (2) Where central office and outside plant facilities are readily available, at least 90 percent of all requests for primary service in any calendar month shall normally be satisfied installed in each exchange of at least 50,00 lines and quarterly in exchanges of less than 50,000 lines within an interval of three working days after receipt of application when all tariff requirements relating thereto have been complied with, except those instances where a later installation date is requested by the applicant or when broadband or video services are requested in addition to the telecommunications service, where special equipment or services are involved.
 - (3) No change.

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- (4) When an appointment is made in order for the company to gain access to the customer's premises, the mutually agreed upon date will be day three for measurement purposes. Failure of the customer to be present to afford the company representative entry to the premises during the appointment period shall exempt the order for measurement purposes. Whenever a company representative is unable to gain admittance to a customer's premises during the scheduled appointment period, the company representative shall leave a notice, stating the name of the company representative and the date and time the company representative was at the premises.
- (5) Each telecommunications company shall establish as its objective the satisfaction of at least 95 percent of all applications for new service in each exchange within a 30 day maximum interval and, further, shall have as its objective the capability of furnishing service within each of its exchanges to applicants within 60 days after date of application; except those instances where a later installation date is requested by the applicant or where special equipment or services are involved.
- (6) Whenever, for any reason, the service installation cannot be made at the time requested by the applicant or within the prescribed interval, the applicant shall be notified promptly of the delay and the reason therefor.
- (7) Where facility additions are required to make service available, the applicant shall be further advised as to the circumstances and conditions under which service will be provided and as soon as practicable an estimated date when service will be furnished. With respect to applications aged over six months all service dates that result in a further delay due to the company's inability to meet the original estimated date of service shall be identified in the appropriate section of the report of held applications filed with the Commission and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
- (58) Each company shall report primary residential installation performance pursuant to Rule 25-4.0185, F.A.C., Periodic Reports, the performance of the company with respect to the availability of service requirements, as outlined in Form PSC/CMP 28 (4/05), incorporated into Rule 25-4.0185, F.A.C., by reference and available from the Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement. Each company shall explain the reasons for all service orders that are not completed within 30 calendar days.

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.025, 364.03, 364.14, 364.15, 364.183, 364.185 FS. History–Revised 12-1-68, Amended 3-31-76, Formerly 25-4.66, Amended 3-10-96, 4-3-05, 4-3-05.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Dale Mailhot, Division of Regulatory Compliance, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850) 413-6418.

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: January 06, 2009

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: Volume 34, Number 39, September 26, 2008

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