

The FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION announces a prehearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

Docket No. 980222-TP - Request by Atlantic Telecommunications Systems, Inc. for elimination of Vista-United Telecommunications' rural telephone exemption, pursuant to Section 251(f)(1)(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

DATE AND TIME: March 26, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: To consider (1) the simplification of the issues; (2) the identification of the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) the identification of the exhibits; (5) the establishment of an order of witnesses; and (6) such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action. Any person requiring some accommodation at this prehearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850)413-

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Blanca Bayo
Florida Public Service Commission
Capital Circle Office Center
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Notice of request

Dear Blanco Bayo:

Please accept this letter as notice of our request of Vista United Telecommunications to resell local telephone service as an ALEC in Vista United 's service area. This letter shall constitute written notice pursuant to section 251 (c)(4) of the Communications Act and shall serve as a request to the Florida Public Service Commission to eliminate Vista United Telecommunications's exemption status under section 251(f)(1)(B) of the Act. We will be looking forward to hearing from the FPSC with regard to this matter. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


Jerome Stabler
President

Atlantic Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

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