

RE: Request for Deferral of Docket No. 971490-TI Excel Telecommunications

Staff does not oppose the request for deferral to the May 19th Agenda. Staff believes that it would be appropriate to defer the item until such time as Excel's President can be present for Agenda. In addition, staff met with Excel representatives on April 23rd and we believe that a reasonable proposal of settlement may be received from Excel in time for it to be considered by the Commission at the May 19th Agenda. Staff would not support any further deferrals because the CASR in this docket was previously revised from the April 4th Agenda to accommodate Excel.

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Recommend approval.

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