BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: Proposed Amendments to Rule 25-4.110, F.A.C., Customer Billing for Local Exchange Telecommunication Companies

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: January 19, 1999

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-4.110, Florida Administrative Code, to amend provisions relating to customer billing by companies for telecommunication services.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the January 22, 1999, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. A rule development workshop will be held at the following times and places:

> February 4, 1999 - 10:00 AM Broward County Governmental Center County Commission Chambers, Room 422 115 S. Andrews Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL

February 4, 1999 - 6:00 PM Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel Brass Foyer Room 711 N. W. 72nd Avenue Miami, FL

February 11, 1999 - 12:00 Noon Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center Room 101 1000 Water Street Jacksonville, FL

February 15, 1999 - 6:00 PM Florida Public Service Commission Betty Easley Conference Center Room 148, 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, FL

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March 8, 1999 - 12:00 Noon Palm Beach County Government Center Jane Thompson Memorial Chambers 301 N. Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, FL

April 6, 1999 - 6:00 PM Hillsborough County Commission Chambers 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. - 2nd Floor Tampa, FL

April 7, 1999 - 12:00 Noon Orlando City Hall City Council Chambers - 2nd Floor 400 S. Orange Avenue Orlando, FL

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 19th day of <u>January</u>, 1999.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records & Reporting

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The Florida Public Service Commission announces a Rule Development Workshop to be held concerning proposed amendments to Rule 25-4.110, F.A.C, Customer Billing for Local Exchange Telecommunications Companies (Cramming and Truth in Billing), to which all interested persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME:

February 4, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Broward County Governmental Center

Room 422

115 S. Andrews Avenue

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

DATE AND TIME:

February 4, 1999 - 6:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Radisson Mart Plaza

Brass Foyer

711 NW 72nd Avenue

Miami, Florida

DATE AND TIME:

February 11, 1999 - 12:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

Room 101

1000 Water Street

Jacksonville, Florida

DATE AND TIME:

February 15, 1999 - 6:00 p.m.

PLACE

Commission Hearing Room 148

Betty Easley Conference Center

4075 Esplanade Way

Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: The purpose of the rule amendments is to eliminate the

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practice of adding charges to a telephone bill for products or services that the customer did not knowingly authorize (also known as "cramming") and to require complete and accurate disclosure of services and charges on a customer's telecommunications bill (also known as "truth in billing"). The effect of the proposed amendments will result in customer bills that contain only authorized charges and that descriptions and charges for services are accurate and in a form understandable to the customer. Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at 850-413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).