

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Resolution by the Taylor County Board of Commissioners for countywide extended area service (EAS) within Taylor County. DOCKET NO. 930235-TL ORDER NO. PSC-97-1521-PCO-TL ISSUED: December 3, 1997

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND REVISING ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

This docket was opened in response to a resolution filed by the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County on January 29, 1993, requesting extended area service (EAS) between all exchanges in Taylor County. Taylor County contains all or part of the Perry, Keaton Beach, and Cross City exchanges. The Cross City exchange is served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) and is located in the Gainesville LATA, while the Perry and Keaton Beach exchanges are served by Gulf Telephone Company (Gulf) and are located in the Tallahassee LATA.

By Order No. PSC-97-1317-PCO-TL, issued October 23, 1997, we reset this docket for hearing on January 29, 1998, on community of interest issues.

By Order No. PSC-97-1382-PCO-TL, issued October 31, 1997, the procedural and filing dates for this matter were established. By that Order, the date for filing utility testimony was set for November 4, 1997, and the date for filing intervenor and staff testimony was set for November 28, 1997.

On November 17, 1997, the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners filed a Request for Extension of time to file direct testimony. Therein, Taylor County stated that it had inadvertently missed the date for filing direct testimony and that no party will be prejudiced by its filing at a later date.

In view of the fact that the hearing is schedule for January 29, 1998, Taylor County's request can be granted without prejudice to the other parties involved. It is noted that no other party responded to Taylor County's request. Furthermore, review of Order No. PSC-97-1382-PCO-TL, shows that the dates as set forth in that Order could have been confusing to parties, particularly Taylor County. As set forth in the Controlling Dates of that Order,

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November 4, 1997, indicates only that direct testimony is due from the utility. It should, however, reflect that testimony is also due on that date from the petitioner. For these reasons, Taylor County's request for an extension shall be granted. Taylor County shall file its direct testimony and exhibits on December 9, 1997. In addition, the following dates established in Order No. PSC-97-1382-PCO-TL shall be extended in order to prevent any undue burden on the other parties in this docket. The dates set forth in Order No. PSC-97-1382-PCO-TL shall be revised as follows:

1) Rebuttal testimony and exhibits December 19, 1997

2) Prehearing statements December 29, 1997

All other dates set forth in Order No. PSC-97-1382-PCO-TL shall remain the same.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners' request for an extension of time to file direct testimony and exhibits is granted. It is further

ORDERED that the direct testimony of the Taylor County Board of County Commissioners shall be filed on December 9, 1997. It is further

ORDERED that the dates set forth in Order No. PSC-97-1382-PCO-TL shall be revised as set forth in the body of this Order.

By ORDER of Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>3rd</u> Day of <u>December</u>, <u>1997</u>.

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SUSAN F. CLARK Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: 1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.



MEMORANDUM

December 3, 1997

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TO: COMMISSIONER SUSAN F. CLARK

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (KEATING)

RE: DOCKET NO. 930235-TL - RESOLUTION BY THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR COUNTYWIDE EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) WITHIN TAYLOR COUNTY.

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Attached is an <u>ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND</u> <u>REVISING ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE</u> which is ready for your review and signature. Please call Andrea Reed or Beth Keating when it has been signed. (Number of pages in order - 3)

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