

VOTE SHEET

DATE: September 16, 1996

RE: DOCKET NO. 960910-TP - Recommendation to require applicable LECs to reduce their switched access charges by five percent annually, pursuant to Section 364.163(6), F.S.

Issue 1: Recommendation that each price-regulated and rate base/rate-of-return regulated LEC whose current intrastate switched access rates, expressed as a composite rate per minute, are higher than its December 31, 1994 interstate switched access rates, must reduce its intrastate switched access rates pursuant to Subsection 364.163(6), F.S., effective October 1, 1996. To verify statutory compliance, each LEC must file, not later than September 24, 1996, calculations of the LEC's current intrastate switched access composite rate per minute and the LEC's December 31, 1994 interstate switched access composite rate per minute. If the calculations show that the LEC's intrastate switched access rates must be reduced, a tariff filing must be made not later than September 24, 1996, and should include: (1) a demonstration that the LEC's intrastate switched access rate reductions satisfy the requirement of Subsection 364.163(6), F.S., and (2) the names of all IXCs that pay intrastate switched access charges to the LEC.

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with understanding that this includes support revenue in pool of access revenue dollars to determine per minute rate.

Commissioner Keesling dissented.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: ~~Full Commission~~ GR, CL, DS, KS

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

[Signatures of majority commissioners: P. Taruca, Susan Clark, J. Terry Dean, and Jan K. ...]

DISSIDENTING

[Signature of Commissioner Keesling (Issue 1)]

REMARKS/DISSIDENTING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Keesling dissented on issue 1.

Issue 2: Recommendation that those interexchange carriers that pay intrastate switched access charges to the LECs, which are bound to reduce these rates in Issue 1, are required to reduce customer long distance rates pursuant to Subsection 364.163(b), F.S., effective October 1, 1996. The required filings must be made not later than September 30, 1996 and should include (1) a calculation of the estimated dollar benefit associated with the LECs' intrastate switched access rate reductions, and (2) a demonstration that customer long distance rates have been reduced by the estimated dollar benefit. Percentage reductions may vary by long distance service, but must yield the required overall reduction. In addition, each IXC that is required to reduce customer long distance rates effective October 1, 1996 should be required to file its calculation of the realized dollar benefit associated with the LECs' intrastate switched access rate reductions by October 31, 1996. If an IXC's realized dollar benefit exceeds its estimated dollar benefit by more than 5%, the IXC must file revisions to its customer long distance rates by October 31, 1996, to reflect the realized dollar benefit.

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with the understanding that pass throughs are included and are not limited to 5%.

Issue 3: Recommendation that this docket remain open to handle any protests filed in response to the order from this recommendation and subsequent tariff filings necessary to ensure compliance with Subsection 364.163(6), F.S., for the year 1996. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance of the order from this recommendation, the tariffs filed in response to Subsection 364.163(6), F.S., which are effective October 1, 1996, should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest.

APPROVED