

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into appropriate methods to compensate carriers for exchange of traffic subject to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

DOCKET NO. 000075-TP(PHASE IIA)
DATED: MARCH 28, 2002

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-02-0139-PCO-TP, issued January 31, 2002, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 13: How should a "local calling area" be defined, for purposes of determining the applicability of reciprocal compensation?

- a) What is the Commission's jurisdiction in this matter?
- b) Should the Commission establish a default definition of local calling area for the purpose of intercarrier compensation, to apply in the event parties cannot reach a negotiated agreement?

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- c) If so, should the default definition of local calling area for purposes of intercarrier compensation be: 1) LATA-wide local calling, 2) based upon the originating carrier's retail local calling area, or 3) some other default definition/mechanism?

STAFF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17: Should the Commission establish compensation mechanisms governing the transport and delivery or termination of traffic subject to Section 251 of the Act to be used in the absence of the parties reaching agreement or negotiating a compensation mechanism? If so, what should be the mechanism?

- a) Does the Commission have jurisdiction to establish bill and keep?
- b) What is the potential financial impact, if any, on ILECs and ALECs of bill and keep arrangements?
- c) If the Commission imposes bill and keep as a default mechanism, will the Commission need to define generically "roughly balanced?" If so, how should the Commission define "roughly balanced?"
- d) What potential advantages or disadvantages would result from the imposition of bill and keep arrangements as a default mechanism, particularly in comparison to other mechanisms already presented in Phase II of this docket?

STAFF: No position at this time.

e. Pending Motions

None.

f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None.

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g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-02-0139-PCO-TP

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of March 2002.

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