

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Elimination of state reporting requirement of FCC Form 496, regarding Link-Up Florida, for all local exchange telephone companies.)	DOCKET NO. 910290-TL
)	ORDER NO. 24475
)	ISSUED: 5/6/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman
- J. TERRY DEASON
- BETTY EASLEY
- GERALD L. GUNTER
- MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

FINAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

In Docket No. 880847-TL, we considered the Florida Telephone Association's petition to implement the Link-Up Florida Program. We approved the Link-Up Florida program on July 5, 1988, and issued Order No. 19684 on July 18, 1988. This program is part of the nationwide program called Link-Up America whereby telephone companies in participating states offer customers a reduced service connection charge if they meet the specific income criteria. If the customer is eligible, a credit of 50 percent or \$30.00 (whichever is less) will be applied to the nonrecurring charges for the establishment of service for a single telephone line per household at the principal place of residence. The discount is recovered by local exchange carriers from the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA) interstate revenue pool. In addition, the local exchange companies are encouraged to defer payment of the balance of the connection charge over a period of six months without interest, consistent with existing company policy. We submitted the proposed program to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and on August 1, 1988, the FCC approved the Florida Plan.

Subsequent to the issuance of Order No. 19684, the FCC issued Form 496 to report subscriber participation and program costs for all states participating in the federal telephone assistance program, completion of which is required for recertification of the Link-Up Florida program. Therefore, since Florida has a state certified Link-Up program, the LECs would report follow-up

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information and we would use such information to meet the FCC reporting requirements.

On January 17, 1991, the FCC announced the elimination of state telephone assistance report Form 496. The FCC has eliminated the State Reporting Requirement because after requirements for the Form 496 were imposed, NECA began to compile and file data with the FCC that duplicates the information filed by telephone companies with the State Commissions. Therefore, the FCC believes that Form 496 can now be eliminated.

The elimination of FCC Form 496 is to be effective April 30, 1991, however, this does not modify the obligation of annual certification of the program participation. The FCC will continue to review the annual recertification of the federal Link-Up assistance program. This action is part of the FCC's overall effort to eliminate unnecessary and burdensome reporting requirements. In addition, eliminating FCC Form 496 does not preclude us from directing the local exchange companies to file detailed information should the need arise.

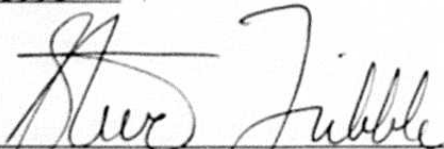
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the State Reporting Requirement associated with the Link-Up Florida program, as outlined in Order No. 19684, is hereby eliminated for all local exchange companies operating within the state of Florida. It is further

ORDERED that the elimination of the State Reporting Requirement shall be effective as of April 30, 1991. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 6th day of MAY , 1991 .



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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 the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.