

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Proposed Amendment of ) DOCKET NO. 960715-TL  
Rule 25-4.0174, Uniform System & ) ORDER NO. PSC-96-0879-NOR-TL  
Classification of Accounts- ) ISSUED: July 3, 1996  
Depreciation and Rule 25-4.0175, )  
Depreciation, and Repeal of Rule )  
25-4.0176, Recovery Schedules )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
JOE GARCIA  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, has initiated rulemaking to amend Rules 25-4.0174, 25-4.0175 and repeal Rule 25-4.0176, Florida Administrative Code, relating to uniform system and classification of accounts and recovery schedules.

The attached Notice of Rulemaking will appear in the July 12, 1996 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly.

If timely requested, a hearing will be held at the following time and place:

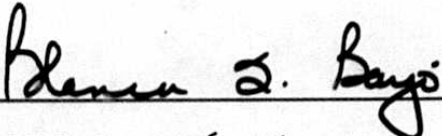
Florida Public Service Commission  
9:30 a.m., October 11, 1996  
Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 152, 4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

Written requests for hearing and written comments or suggestions on the rules must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, no later than August 2, 1996.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 3rd  
day of July, 1996.



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BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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RULE TITLE:	RULE NO.:
Uniform System and Classification of Accounts - Depreciation	25-4.0174
Depreciation	25-4.0175
Recovery Schedules to Promote an Economical and Efficient Telecommunications Network	25-4.0176

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rule amendments conform the rule to the 1995 changes to S. 364.052(2)(a), FS, by establishing ranges of basic factors for lives and salvage values to be used in developing depreciation rates for certain small local exchange companies. Filing requirements are streamlined and some flexibility is allowed companies in determining their depreciation rates in order to reduce administrative costs to these regulated companies.

SUMMARY: Uniform system and classification of accounts as they pertain to depreciation are listed and defined. The rules are amended to establish ranges of basic factors for lines and salvage values to be used in developing depreciation rates for small local exchange companies; reduce the number of copies required by the Commission Clerk's office; reduce the volume of information required to change depreciation rates; allow flexibility in selecting a depreciation methodology; and incorporate from Rule 25-

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4.0176, which is being repealed, regarding requests for capital recovery schedules.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 350.115, 364.03, 364.17 FS.

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

HEARING: IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 A.M., October 11, 1996.

PLACE: Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THESE RULES AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT IS: Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

THE FULL TEXT OF THESE RULES ARE:

25-4.0174 Uniform System and Classification of Accounts - Depreciation.

(1) No Change.

(2) A company may further develop depreciation subaccounts within a listed account as appropriate for its plant. No company shall, however, establish a new subaccount that would represent less than ten percent ~~10%~~ of the original primary account.

(3) Notwithstanding Subsection ~~subsection~~ (2), a new subaccount must be established for the introduction of a new technology, or for the treatment of an obsolescent component of a current viable technology.

(4) No Change.

(5) The following accounts and subaccounts, where applicable, shall be used in the design of depreciation rates.

(a) Support assets ~~Assets~~, Account 2110. The following accounts shall be used:

1. Motor vehicles ~~Vehieles~~, Account 2112. The following subaccounts shall be used,

a. Passenger cars and light trucks. This account shall include passenger cars and trucks of one ton in capacity or less.

~~b. Light trucks. This subaccount shall include trucks of one ton in capacity or less.~~

be. Heavy trucks and special purpose vehicles. This subaccount shall include trucks of greater than one ton capacity.

cd. Tractors and trailers.

~~2. Special Purpose Vehieles, Account 2114.~~

23. Garage work equipment ~~Work Equipment~~, Account 2115. This account shall include tools and equipment used to maintain vehicles. ~~It shall be used for depreciation studies only if the expected life for this equipment is substantially different from~~

~~that expected for tools and equipment in Account 2116, Other Work Equipment.~~

34. Other work equipment ~~Work Equipment~~, Account 2116. This account shall include power operated equipment, general purpose tools, and other such work equipment items.

45. Buildings, Account 2121. ~~Buildings are to be assigned to subaccounts in accordance with their potential life patterns in the use of the specific company. Suggested subaccount groupings are as follows:~~

~~a. Headquarters buildings which include primary switching center building, and multipurpose buildings such as buildings housing combinations of switching, office, and warehouse space.~~

~~b. Plant buildings which include work centers, garages, shops, training centers, warehouses, pole yards, pre fab buildings housing remote switchers, sheds, repeater huts, and leased quarters.~~

56. Furniture, Account 2122.

67. Office equipment ~~Equipment~~, Account 2123. The following subaccounts shall be used:

a. Office support equipment ~~Support Equipment~~. This subaccount shall include office devices such as typewriters, cash registers, check writers, calculating, reproducing, addressing, billing, blueprinting, and other office machines.



b. Company communications equipment ~~Communications Equipment~~. This subaccount shall include CPE and PBX equipment installed for official company use.

~~78.~~ General purpose computers ~~Purpose Computers~~, Account 2124.

(b) Central office switching ~~Office Switching~~, Account 2211.

The following accounts shall be used:

1. Analog electronic switching ~~Electronic Switching~~, Account 2211. This account shall be established for analog switching equipment and peripheral gear. It shall include equipment serving analog switchers that is used solely for recording calling telephone numbers in connection with customer dialed charged traffic dial tandem switchboards and special service switchboards used in conjunction with private line service. It shall not include switchboards, and integral equipment thereof, which perform an operator assistance function.

2. Digital electronic switching ~~Electronic Switching~~, Account 2212. This account includes investments in digital switches. ~~Individual subaccounts shall be established for host, remote and digital switches, respectively.~~ This switching account shall include equipment serving digital electronic switchers that is used solely for the recording of calling telephone numbers in connection with customer dialed charged traffic dial tandem switchboards and special service switchboards used in conjunction with private line service. It shall not include switchboards, and integral equipment

thereof, which perform an operator assistance function. Major components such as hardware, processors, and line cards that are expected to live substantially different from the remaining switch investment should be considered as subcomponents in developing ~~shall either be placed in additional individual separate subaccounts or shall be included as a subcomponent used to develop~~ the rate for the ~~that~~ account ~~or subaccount~~.

3. Electromechanical switching ~~Switching~~, Account 2215. This switching account includes investments in step-by-step ~~step by step~~ or crossbar switchers. It does not include digital compatible equipment that is expected to live beyond the calculated life of electromechanical switching. Such investment shall be in a separate subaccount or included as a subcomponent used to develop the rate for the account or subaccount. This account also does not include switchboards which perform an operator assistance function and equipment which is an integral part thereof. It shall include, however, equipment serving electromechanical switchers that is used solely for the recording of calling telephone numbers in connection with customer dialed charged traffic dial tandem switchboards and special service switchboards used in conjunction with private line service.

(c) Operator systems ~~Systems~~, Account 2220. This account shall include such charges as directory assistance, call intercept, and



other operator assisted call completion activities. ~~The following subaccounts shall be used:~~

- ~~1. Analog, and~~
- ~~2. Digital or digital compatible.~~

(d) Central office - transmission ~~Office - Transmission~~, Account 2230. The following accounts shall be used:

1. Radio systems ~~Systems~~, Account 2231. ~~The following subaccounts shall be used:~~

- ~~a. Microwave Radio, and~~
- ~~b. Mobile Radio.~~

2. Circuit equipment ~~Equipment~~, Account 2232. This investment shall be subcategorized in accord with the planning of the company, to be separated between the following:

- a. Analog ~~That portion planned for retirement;~~
- b. Digital ~~That portion considered viable within the existing network;~~ and
- c. No Change.

(e) Information organization or termination ~~Organization/ Termination~~, Account 2310. The following accounts shall be used:

~~1. Private Line Equipment. This account shall include enhanced network transmission for a private channel.~~

~~2. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf Hearing Impaired. This account shall include equipment required for communications by or with hearing or speech impaired subscribers.~~

~~3. Network Carrier Equipment - Customer Premises. This account shall include network carrier equipment physically located on the customer premises.~~

14. Public telephone equipment ~~Telephone Equipment~~. This account shall include coinless, coin-operated (including public and semi-public), credit card, and pay telephones.

25. Other regulated station equipment ~~Regulated Station Equipment~~. This account shall include private line other miscellaneous equipment, telecommunication devices for the deaf, E-911 equipment, and network carrier equipment physically located on the customer's premises associated with regulated service not included in (1) through (4) above.

(f) Cable and wire facilities ~~Wire Facilities~~, Account 2410. The following accounts shall be used:

1. No Change.
2. Aerial cable ~~Cable~~, Account 2421. The following subaccounts shall be used:
  - a. - b. No Change.
3. Underground cable ~~Cable~~, Account 2422. The following subaccounts shall be used:
  - a. - b. No Change.
4. Buried cable ~~Cable~~, Account 2423. The following subaccounts shall be used:

a. Metallic. This subaccount shall be further subcategorized in accord with company planning; and subaccounted as follows:

- ~~(i) Nonfilled core,~~
- ~~(ii) Filled core, and~~
- ~~(iii) Further subcategorization shall be made in accord with company planning,~~

b. No Change.

5. Submarine cable ~~Cable~~, Account 2424. The following subaccount shall be used:

a. No Change.

b. Fiber.

6. Intrabuilding network cable ~~Network Cable~~, Account 2426. The following subaccounts shall be used:

a. - b. No Change.

7. Aerial wire ~~Wire~~, Account 2431.

8. Conduit systems ~~Systems~~, Account 2441.

(6) Depreciation rates used after July 1, 1996, ~~January 1, 1988~~ shall be based on the account classifications in the USOA and this rule. In implementing these rates the following procedures shall be followed:

(a) Reserve activity data, plant activity data, salvage costs, and costs of removal are to be recorded to the new accounts for activity subsequent to July 1, 1996 ~~January 1, 1988~~.

(b) - (c) No Change.

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented 350.115, 364.17 FS.

History--New 4-25-88, Amended\_\_\_\_\_.

25-4.0175 Depreciation.

(1) For the purposes of Part II ~~this part~~, the following definitions shall apply to small local exchange companies remaining under rate of return regulation:

(a) No Change.

(b) Average Service Life - The period of time that the given type of equipment, on average, can be expected to prudently and economically serve the public.

(c)(b) Embedded Vintage - A vintage of plant in service as of the date of study or implementation of proposed rates.

~~(e) Equal Life Group Method - The method of calculating a depreciation rate based on the life expectations of the units constituting a vintage group. The vintage group is divided into sub groups, each of which is expected to live an equal life. The required capital recovery for the vintage is then the summation of the requirements for each equal life group. As an example: A vintage consists of three \$100 units, A, B, and C, expected to live 2, 4, and 5 years. To recover each during its own service life will require annual accruals of \$50, \$25, and \$20 respectively in the following manner:~~

~~Accruals in Years~~

	1	2	3	4	5
A	<del>\$50</del>	<del>\$50</del>			
B	<del>25</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>\$25</del>	<del>\$25</del>	
C	<del>20</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>20</del>	<del>\$20</del>
Vintage					
Totals	<del>\$95</del>	<del>\$95</del>	<del>\$45</del>	<del>\$45</del>	<del>\$20</del>

(d) No Change.

1. - 2. No Change.

3. The net increase or decrease resulting from purchases, sales, or adjustments, and the distribution by years of placing of such amounts.

4. No Change.

(e) Remaining Life Method - The method of calculating a depreciation rate based on the unrecovered plant balance, less average future net salvage and the average remaining life. The formula for calculating a Remaining Life Rate (RLR) is:

$$\text{RLR Remaining Life Rate} = \frac{100\% - \text{Reserve \%} - \text{Average Future Net Salvage \%}}{\text{Average Remaining Life in Years}}$$

(f) Reserve Data - Historical data by study category showing reserve balances, debits and credits such as booked depreciation expense, salvage and cost of removal, and adjustments to the reserve utilized in monitoring reserve activity and position.

(g) - (1) No Change.

(2) (a) Ranges for basic life and salvage values, established by the Commission, may be used by small LECs regardless of the depreciation methodology utilized. The ranges for basic life and salvage values for small LECs are as follows: No utility may change any existing depreciation rate or initiate any new depreciation rate without prior Commission approval.

Ranges of Basic Life and Salvage Values for  
 Small Local Exchange Companies

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AVERAGE SERVICE LIFE</u> <u>(Years)</u>	<u>NET SALVAGE</u> <u>(Percent)</u>
<u>GENERAL SUPPORT ASSETS</u>		
<u>Motor vehicles</u>		
<u>Passenger cars &amp; light trucks</u>	<u>6 - 8</u>	<u>10 - 20</u>
<u>Heavy trucks &amp; special purpose vehicles</u>	<u>8 - 11</u>	<u>5 - 10</u>
<u>Buildings</u>	<u>32 - 36</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>
<u>Other work equipment</u>	<u>7 yr. Amortization</u>	
<u>Furniture</u>	<u>10 yr. Amortization</u>	
<u>Office machines</u>	<u>7 yr. Amortization</u>	
<u>Office equipment (official use)</u>	<u>5 yr. Amortization</u>	
<u>Computer equipment</u>	<u>5 yr. Amortization</u>	
<u>CENTRAL OFFICE ASSETS</u>		
<u>Digital switching</u>	<u>13 - 16</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>
<u>Operator systems</u>	<u>8 - 10</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>



<u>Radio</u>	<u>10 - 12</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>
<u>Circuit</u>	.	
<u>Analog</u>	<u>8 - 10</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>
<u>Digital</u>	<u>10 - 12</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>
<u>Fiber electronics (optics)</u>	<u>8 - 10</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>
<b><u>INFORMATION/ORIGINATION ASSETS</u></b>		
<u>Public telephone equipment</u>	<u>8 - 10</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>
<u>Other</u>	<u>8 - 10</u>	<u>0 - 5</u>
<b><u>CABLE/WIRE FACILITIES</u></b>		
<u>Poles</u>	<u>20 - 22</u>	<u>(60) - (40)</u>
<u>Aerial cable</u>		
<u>Metallic</u>	<u>18 - 20</u>	<u>(30) - (20)</u>
<u>Fiber</u>	<u>20 - 22</u>	<u>(30) - (20)</u>
<u>Underground cable</u>		
<u>Metallic</u>	<u>19 - 21</u>	<u>(10) - (5)</u>
<u>Fiber</u>	<u>20 - 22</u>	<u>(10) - (5)</u>
<u>Buried cable</u>		
<u>Metallic</u>	<u>17 - 19</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>
<u>Fiber</u>	<u>20 - 22</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>
<u>Submarine cable</u>		
<u>Metallic</u>	<u>20 - 25</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>
<u>Fiber</u>	<u>20 - 22</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>
<u>Underground conduit</u>	<u>50 - 52</u>	<u>(5) - 0</u>

Aerial wire - Expense all future additions and amortize embedded portion over 3 years.

(b) A company shall not petition the Commission to change any existing depreciation rate more than once a year. No utility may reallocate accumulated depreciation reserves among any primary accounts and sub accounts without prior Commission approval.

(c) A company may not reallocate accumulated depreciation reserves among any primary accounts and subaccounts without prior Commission approval.

(3) (a) Each company utility shall maintain depreciation rates and accumulated depreciation reserves in accounts or subaccounts as prescribed by Rule 25-4.0174, F.A.C., and as set forth in Paragraph (2)(a) of this rule. Companies Utilities may maintain further sub-categorization.

(b) Upon establishing a new account or subaccount classification, each company utility shall request Commission approval of a depreciation rate for the new plant category.

(c) A company's current average service life is that which has been approved by the Commission and in effect as of the effective date of this rule. To determine if a company's current average service life is within an established range, current average service lives not reflected as a whole number shall be rounded using traditional rounding methodology. (For example, 1.1 - 1.4 rounds to 1.0 ; 1.5 - 1.9 rounds to 2.0.)

(4) If the company's proposed and current average service lives for a given account are within the ranges established in Paragraph (2) (a), no additional support for those values shall be required. If the company's proposed and current net salvage values for a given account are within the ranges established in Paragraph (2) (a), no additional support for those values shall be required. The company shall submit to the Division of Records and Reporting the original, five hard copies, and a diskette of the information required by Subsection (8) of this rule.

(5)-(4) A company proposing basic life or salvage values outside of the ranges established in Paragraph (2) (a) of this rule utility filing a depreciation study, regardless if a change in rates is being requested or not, shall submit to the Division of Records and Reporting Commission Clerk's Office the original and five hard copies, and a diskette fifteen copies of the information required by Subsection (10) paragraphs (6) (a) through (6) (h) of this rule and at least three copies of the information required by paragraph (6) (i).

(6)-(5) After filing a petition for a change in depreciation rates, Upon commission approval by order establishing an effective date, the company utility may reflect on its books and records the preliminary implementation of the proposed rates as of the proposed effective date. These rates are subject to Commission approval adjustment when final depreciation rates are approved.

(7) Any party protesting a Commission approved depreciation life or salvage value, shall carry the burden of proof in demonstrating that each protested value is unsupported by the operations and planning of each company.

(8)~~(6)~~ A depreciation filing study shall include:

(a) - (b) No Change.

~~(c) A comparison of annual depreciation expense resulting from current rates with the expense produced by the proposed rates allocated to interstate toll, intrastate toll and other, based on the 12 month average plant balance coinciding with the accounting period in which proposed depreciation rates are to become effective.~~

(c)~~(d)~~ Each recovery and amortization schedule currently in effect should be included with any new filing showing total amount amortized, effective date, length of schedule, annual amount amortized, and reason for the schedule.

~~(e) A comparison of the accumulated book reserve to the prospective theoretical reserve based on proposed rates and components for each category of depreciable plant to which depreciation rates are to be applied.~~

(d)~~(f)~~ A general narrative describing the service environment of the applicant company and the factors, e.g., growth, technology, and physical conditions necessitating a revision in rates.

(9) If a company's current average service life or salvage value for any given category of depreciable plant is not within the established range, the company must file the information in Subsection (10) to justify its move into the range.

(10) For each account that the Company proposed life or salvage value is not within the established range, the depreciation filing shall include the information in Subsection (8) as well as the following:

(a)~~(g)~~ An explanation and justification for each study category of depreciable<sup>\*</sup> plant defining the specific factors that justify the life or ~~and~~ salvage components and rates being proposed. Each explanation and justification shall include substantiating factors utilized by the company in the design of the depreciation rates for the specific category, e.g., company planning, growth, technology, physical conditions, and trends. The explanation and justification shall ~~discuss any proposed transfers of reserve between categories or accounts intended to correct deficient or surplus reserve balances. It should also~~ state any statistical or mathematical methods of analysis or calculation used in the design of the category rate.

(b)~~(h)~~ The mortality and salvage data used by the company in the depreciation rate design must agree with activity booked by the utility. Unusual transactions not included in life or salvage

studies, e.g., sales or extraordinary retirements, must be specifically enumerated and explained.

~~(c)(i)~~ The filing shall contain all calculations, analysis and numerical basic data used in the design of the depreciation rate for each category of depreciable plant. ~~Numerical data shall include plant activity (gross additions, adjustments, retirements and plant balance at end of year) as well as reserve activity (retirements, accruals for depreciation expense, salvage, cost of removal, adjustments or transfers and reclassifications, and reserve balance at end of year) for each year of activity from the date of the last submitted study to the date of the present study.~~ To the degree possible, data involving retirements should be aged.

~~(11)(7)(a)~~ Companies Utilities shall provide calculations of depreciation rates using either both the whole life method or and the remaining life method. The use of one of these methods is required for all depreciable categories. ~~Companies may submit additional studies or methods for consideration by the Commission.~~

(b) Companies shall file an election to remain with the remaining life methodology or move to whole life methodology within 90 days of the effective date of this rule. Failure to file an election shall result in the company's use of remaining life methodology. Only one election regarding depreciation methodology will be permitted.



(12) When a company elects whole life methodology, no recovery of reserve imbalances will be considered for depreciation purposes. This methodology is not reserve sensitive.

(13) When a company elects remaining life methodology, the following apply:

(a) A company requiring the Commission staff's assistance in determining a remaining life based on its average service life selection, shall notify the Director of the Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis, by letter, three months prior to the company's filing date.

(b) No Change.

~~(8) (a) Each company shall file a study for each category of depreciable property for Commission review at least once every three years from the submission date of the previous study unless otherwise required by the Commission.~~

(c) It shall be a rebuttable presumption that in determining the average remaining life, the mortality curve shapes shall be those used by the Commission the last time it prescribed rates.

(14) (a)-(b) A company utility proposing an effective date of the beginning of its fiscal year shall submit its petition for a change in depreciation rates depreciation study no later than the mid-point of that fiscal year.

(b)-(e) A company utility proposing an effective date coinciding with the expected date of additional revenues initiated

through a rate case proceeding shall submit its petition for a change in depreciation rates ~~depreciation study~~ no later than the filing date of its Minimum Filing Requirements.

(15)(9) Included as part of the annual report filed pursuant to Rule 25-4.135 ~~25-4.018~~, F.A.C., each company shall provide Schedule B-3 B-5a, Analysis of Plant In Service, and Schedule B-4 B-5b, Analysis of Accumulated Depreciation. Schedule B-3 B-5a shall include booked plant activity (plant balance at the beginning of the year, additions, adjustments, transfers, reclassifications, retirements, and plant balance at year end). Schedule B-4 B-5b shall include reserve activity (reserve balance at the beginning of the year, retirements, accruals, salvage, cost of removal, adjustments, transfers, reclassifications, and reserve balance at year end) for each category of investment for which a depreciation rate, amortization schedule, or capital recovery schedule has been approved. ~~These schedules shall indicate for each category that (a) there has been no change of plans or utility experience requiring a revision of rates, amortization, or capital recovery schedules or (b) there has been a change requiring a revision of the rates, amortization, or capital recovery schedules. For each category where current conditions indicate a need for revision of depreciation rates, amortization, or capital recovery schedules and no revision is sought, the report shall explain why no revision is requested.~~

(16) (a) Prior to the date of retirement, the Commission may approve capital recovery schedules to correct calculated deficiencies where a utility demonstrates that replacement of an installation or group of installations is prudent, and the associated investment will not be recovered by the time of retirement through the existing depreciation rate.

(b) The Commission may approve a special capital recovery schedule when an installation is designed for a specific purpose or for a limited duration.

(c) Associated plant and reserve activity, balances, and the annual capital recovery schedule expense must be maintained as subsidiary records.

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented 350.115, 364.03 FS.

History--New 9-8-81, Amended 4-28-83, 1-6-85, Formerly 25-4.175, Amended 4-27-88, 12-12-91, \_\_\_\_\_.

25-4.0176 Recovery Schedules to Promote an Economical and Efficient Telecommunications Network. ~~The Commission encourages an efficient and economical telecommunications network. To foster this goal the following policies apply:~~

~~(1) Prior to the date(s) of retirement, the Commission may approve capital recovery schedules to correct calculated deficiencies where a utility demonstrates that (a) replacement of an installation or group of installations is prudent, and (b) the~~

~~associated investment will not be recovered by the time of retirement through the normal depreciation process.~~

~~(2) The Commission may approve a special capital recovery schedule when an installation is designed for a specific purpose or for a limited duration.~~

~~(3) Associated plant and reserve activity, balances, and the annual capital recovery schedule expense(s) must be maintained as subsidiary records.~~

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented 350.115, 364.03 FS.

History--New 9-8-81, Formerly 25-4.176, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULES: Pat Lee, Rhonda Hicks.

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSON(S) WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULES:

Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULES APPROVED: June 25, 1996.

If any person decides to appeal any decision of the Commission with respect to any matter considered at the rulemaking hearing, if held, a record of the hearing is necessary. The appellant must ensure that a verbatim record, including testimony and evidence forming the basis of the appeal is made. The Commission usually makes a verbatim record of rulemaking hearings.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to

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the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).