

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into
telecommunications rate center
consolidation in the state of
Florida.

DOCKET NO. 010963-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0924-PCO-TP
ISSUED: July 10, 2002

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition, Northeast Florida Telephone Company (NEFTC) has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. NEFTC is a telecommunications company lawfully doing business in the State of Florida whose regulated operations are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. NEFTC states that it is a small incumbent local exchange company that provides local exchange service via multiple rate centers. NEFTC contends that whether and/or the extent to which rate centers should be consolidated will affect the substantial interests of NEFTC and its business operations in Florida.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that NEFTC's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding because it is a small incumbent local exchange company that provides service via multiple rate centers. Therefore, the Petition shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, NEFTC takes the case as it finds it.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Northeast Florida Telephone Company, be and the same is hereby granted. It is further

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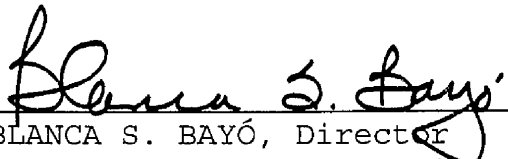
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ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents which may hereinafter be filed in this proceeding, to:

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J. Jeffery Wahlen
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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 10th
Day of July, 2002.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 25-22.0376, 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 the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 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.