

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cost recovery and
allocation issues for number
pooling trials in Florida.

DOCKET NO. 001503-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0960-PCO-TP
ISSUED: July 15, 2002

ORDER GRANTING VERIZON FLORIDA INC.'S
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On June 25, 2002, Verizon Florida Inc. (Verizon) filed a Petition for Extension of Filing Deadline for Recovery of Number Pooling Costs. In reviewing the Petition, our staff noted that Verizon had not requested a date certain by which to file its cost recovery petition and staff brought this to the attention of Verizon. Therefore, on July 1, 2002, Verizon filed an amended Petition which included a specific reference date, no later than 90 days after FCC approval is received, by which to file its cost recovery petition.

In support of its amended petition, Verizon states that on June 17, 2002, Verizon operating companies filed pooling cost recovery proposals at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Verizon asserts that the amount it will seek to recover at the state level for implementation of number pooling is tied directly to the amount of recovery it will receive at the federal level. Verizon contends that to the extent the FCC allows recovery of number pooling at the federal level, the less costs will need to be recovered at the state level, including Florida. Verizon states that until the FCC decides, it cannot provide the state recovery proposal and cost data to the Commission as requested in Order No. PSC-02-0466-PAA-TP, issued April 5, 2002, in this docket. Verizon contends that if it is compelled to comply with the July 5, 2002, deadline, the information it files would necessarily be based on speculation about the outcome of the FCC's proceeding, and will likely need to be adjusted once the FCC decides. Verizon concludes that the result will be duplicative proceedings that would waste the company and the Commission's resources.

Verizon requests that the Commission grant an extension of the July 5, 2002, deadline and allow Verizon to file its Florida cost recovery petition mechanism no later than 90 days after FCC

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approval is received. Verizon states that it expects FCC approval no later than this summer, and it will keep staff apprised of the status of the FCC's deliberations on Verizon's federal cost recovery filing.

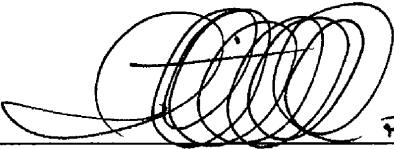
Based on the foregoing, I find it appropriate to grant Verizon Florida Inc.'s Amended Petition for Extension of Filing Deadline for Recovery of Number Pooling Costs. Verizon has timely filed its request for extension of time in accordance with Rule 28-106.204(5), Florida Administrative Code. No objection had been filed to the motion and the time for filing such has expired. Further, Verizon has set forth good cause as stated above for its request for extension of time.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, that Verizon Florida Inc.'s Amended Petition for Extension of Filing Deadline for Recovery of Number Pooling Costs is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Verizon Florida Inc. shall have 90 days after FCC approval is received to submit a petition with a cost recovery mechanism that meets federal and state law and all supporting documents related to their cost analysis with this Commission.

By ORDER of Commissioner Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, this 15th Day of July, 2002.



BRAULIO L. BAEZ
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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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.