

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition to implement practices and procedures with Department of Children and Families to automatically enroll eligible customers in Lifeline telephone program, by Citizens of Florida and AARP.

DOCKET NO. 060677-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-06-0940-PCO-TL
ISSUED: November 7, 2006

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed on October 30, 2006 Windstream Florida, Inc. (Windstream) has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. Windstream is a telecommunications company that has been certificated in Florida as an incumbent local exchange telecommunications carrier (ILEC). In the instant docket, the Office of Public Counsel and AARP have filed a petition jointly requesting that the Commission order local exchange telecommunications companies in Florida to implement practices and procedures with the Department of Children and Families to automatically enroll eligible customers in the Lifeline telephone program. In support of its Petition, Windstream asserts that any decision made by this Commission in the context of this proceeding will necessarily affect Windstream's substantial interests and its business operations in the State of Florida.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that Windstream's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding, because it provides incumbent local exchange service in Florida. Therefore, Windstream's request for permission to intervene in this proceeding shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, Windstream takes the case as it finds it.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Windstream Florida, Inc. is hereby granted. It is further

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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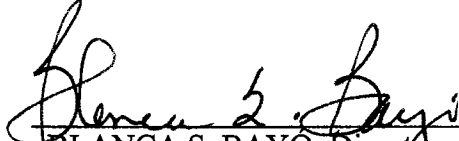
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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th day of November, 2006.



BLANCA S. BAYO, Director
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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; 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 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.