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TO : DIRECTOR OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS [CHASE, SHELFER, WIDELL] *lc AHS Raw*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES [MURPHY] *cr H*

RE : DOCKET NO. 930173-TL - PETITION BY THE RESIDENTS OF POLO
PARK FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) BETWEEN THE HAINES
CITY EXCHANGE AND THE ORLANDO, WEST KISSIMMEE, LAKE BUENA
VISTA, WINDERMERE, REEDY CREEK, WINTER PARK, CLERMONT,
WINTER GARDEN, AND ST. CLOUD EXCHANGES

AGENDA: *MARCH*
~~FEBRUARY~~ 8, 1994 - REGULAR - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION -
INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:PSC\CMU\WP\930173.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

- On February 4, 1994, GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) filed a Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-94-0091-PCO-TL, issued January 26, 1994. The Order directed the Company to perform traffic studies on specific interLATA routes. GTEFL has asked for relief from the traffic study requirement for these interLATA routes stating that it no longer has the data necessary to complete the traffic studies.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should GTEFL's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-94-0091-PCO-TL be granted?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, GTEFL's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-94-0091-PCO-TL should be granted, and the Company relieved of the requirements to file traffic data on these interLATA routes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: GTEFL has filed a Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-94-0091-PCO-TL seeking relief from filing traffic studies on its interLATA routes from the Haines City exchange to the Orlando, West Kissimmee, Kissimmee, Windermere, Reedy Creek, Winter Park, Clermont, Winter Garden, Lake Buena Vista, and St. Cloud exchanges. As GTEFL stated in its Motion, AT&T has "taken back" certain of the end user billing activities that GTEFL used to perform. AT&T now performs all rating and recording functions associated with its traffic. In addition, AT&T has assumed billing for an estimated 60% of the business accounts. This transfer of functions means that GTEFL no longer has access to all the interLATA data necessary to compile the traffic studies the Commission has requested. The information that GTEFL does have available would not reflect the true calling rates or distribution on a route. Further, GTEFL believes that it would be burdensome and unreasonable to expect it to obtain the data from AT&T, and then provide it to the Commission.

In the instant Docket, per Order No. PSC-93-1168-FOF-TL issued 8/10/93, the Commission granted Southern Bell's Motion for Stay of Order No. PSC-93-0437-PCO-TL which also required traffic studies on interLATA routes. At the February 1, 1994 agenda conference, the Commission granted GTEFL's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-93-1521-PCO-TL, Docket No. 930978-TL (EAS from Ft. Meade to Lakeland), based on the same argument. The Commission further decided to use the workshop process to determine how this interLATA data should be collected.

Currently, staff is conducting a generic EAS investigation. One of the areas being reviewed is traffic studies in general. At the conclusion of this investigation, staff will bring a recommendation before the Commission regarding interLATA traffic studies.

Because this modification will not affect the traffic studies on the remaining routes in this docket, staff recommends that GTEFL's Motion for Modification of Order No. PSC-94-0091-PCO-TL be granted. At the conclusion of the generic EAS investigation, staff will bring a recommendation before the Commission regarding these interLATA routes.

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ISSUE 2: Should Docket No. 930173-TL be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. This docket should remain open until the conclusion of the generic EAS investigation, at which time staff will file a recommendation with the Commission regarding the affected interLATA routes involved in this docket.

STAFF ANALYSIS: This docket should remain open until the conclusion of the generic EAS investigation. Staff will bring a recommendation back before the Commission regarding these interLATA routes which GTEFL cannot provide traffic studies.