

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Investigation into) DOCKET NO. 950737-TP
temporary local telephone number)
portability solution to) FILED: SEPTEMBER 29, 1995
implement competition in local)
exchange telephone markets.)

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-95-0896-PCO-TP, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

- A. All Known Witnesses: Staff does not intend to sponsor a witness at this time.
B. All Known Exhibits: Staff has not yet identified a tentative list of exhibits which it intends to utilize in this proceeding. Staff will supply a tentative list of such exhibits at or prior to the Prehearing Conference.
C. Staff's Statement of Basic Position:

Staff believes one key element in developing competition in the local exchange market, is that customers should be able to change carriers without having to change telephone numbers. To this end, staff believes the LECs as well as ALECs should provide remote call forwarding as a temporary number portability solution at its long run incremental cost.

- D. Staff's Position on the Issues:

ISSUE 1: What is the definition of temporary number portability pursuant to Section 364.16(4), Florida Statutes?

STIPULATION:

According to the stipulation signed by the parties and approved by the Commission on September 12, 1995, temporary number portability is defined as an end user's ability at a given location to change service from a local exchange company (LEC) to an alternative local exchange company (ALECs) or vice versa, or between two ALECs, without changing their local telephone number. This

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is typically known as service provider temporary number portability.

ISSUE 2: What technical solutions will be available by January 1, 1996, to provide temporary number portability?

STIPULATION:

According to the stipulation signed by the parties and approved by the Commission on September 12, 1995, the only technical solution that will be available by January 1, 1996 is remote call forwarding. However, the parties agree that the LECs will continue to negotiate with the ALECs who desire to utilize Flexible Direct Inward Dialing or any other feasible option to provide temporary number portability that may be developed in the future.

ISSUE 3: What are the advantages and disadvantages of each solution identified in Issue 2?

STAFF: Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) provides the following advantages and disadvantages.

Advantages

1. Screening list CLASS features in customer's new central office would still work.
2. RCF does not require the addition of extra or special inter-office trunks if call volumes are low.
3. RCF is available in most switches.
4. RCF supports the use of SS7 signaling.
5. RCF can be applied on a line-by-line basis.

Disadvantages

1. There would be a call set-up delay.
2. The actual network number (the ported number) would not be known to customers, creating confusion when calls were placed from this number to subscribers of Caller Identification. The number displayed at the far end would not be the directory number but would be the ported number.

3. RCF requires the assignment of two telephone number which is detrimental to the life of an area code.
4. The engineered capability of a given switch may pose a problem in regards to the number of call forwards the switch can support at any one time.
5. Some type of calls may require extra trunks, depending on the call volumes.
6. Administration would be required to insure the appropriate RCF changes are made in the affected office when a customer moves to a new local service provider.
7. RCF for two lines would be necessary to enable call waiting for the ported customer.
8. The incumbent LEC would remain in the revenue stream for terminating access revenues.
9. Ported numbers may not be able to be displayed at the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in all cases.
10. CLASS features Automatic Recall and Automatic Call Back are disabled following a call to the ported number.

ISSUE 4: What costs are associated with providing each solution identified in Issue 2?

STAFF: There are three major categories of costs.

1. Service Implementation
2. Central Office Equipment and Software
3. Interoffice Networking

ISSUE 5: How should the costs identified in Issue 4 be recovered?

STAFF: The recurring portion of the cost should be recovered by charging the ALECs \$1.00 per ported number per month, \$.50 per additional path, and a nonrecurring charge of \$10.00 per order. These prices should be uniform throughout an individual LEC's existing service territory.

ISSUE 6: What is/are the most appropriate method(s) of providing temporary number portability?

STIPULATION:

According to the stipulation signed by the parties and approved by the Commission on September 12, 1995, Remote Call Forwarding is

the most appropriate method to provide temporary number portability by January 1, 1996. The parties will continue to negotiate possible future options if a party desires a different option.

ISSUE 7: What are the appropriate parameters, costs and standards for the method(s) identified in Issue 6?

STIPULATION:

According to the stipulation signed by the parties and approved by the Commission on September 12, 1995, Remote Call Forwarding as a temporary number portability mechanism can be implemented in most LEC central offices at the present time. This temporary mechanism uses existing switch and network technology. The parties agree that the LECs shall offer Remote Call Forwarding to certificated ALECs as a temporary number portability mechanism, effective January 1, 1996. ALECs shall be required to offer Remote Call Forwarding to LECs or other ALECs as a temporary number portability mechanism, effective on the date they begin to provide local exchange telephone service. All parties will work together and with the 911 coordinators to successfully integrate the relevant ALEC information into the existing 911/E911 systems. The recurring price for Remote Call Forwarding will be on a per-line per-month basis and will be uniform throughout an individual LEC's existing service territory. The price charged by an individual LEC for Remote Call Forwarding shall not be below the costs of that LEC to provide Remote Call Forwarding for purposes of providing temporary number portability. The price charged for Remote Call Forwarding offered by an ALEC will mirror the price charged by the LEC.

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ISSUE 8: Should the docket be closed?

STAFF: Yes, this docket should be closed. The staff should continue to investigate the possibility of a permanent number portability solution in Florida prior to the development of a national solution.

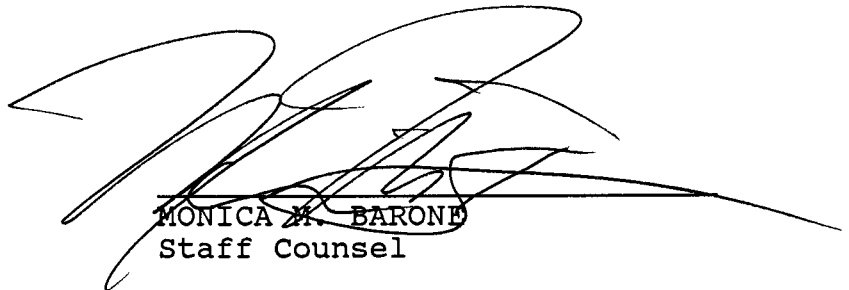
E. **Stipulation**

Issues 1, 2, 6 and 7 have been stipulated.

F. **Pending Motions:**

Time Warner AxS of Florida, L.P.'s and Digital Media Partners' Motion to Accept Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Danny G. Engleman

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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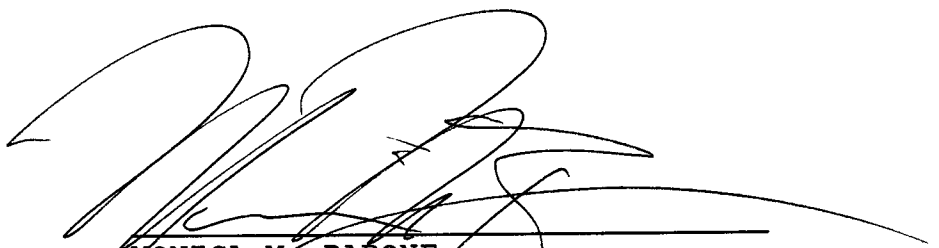
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