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May 9, 1996

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (STAVANJA) *with R!*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (EDMONDS) *(E)*

RE: DOCKET NO. 960544TL - TARIFF FILING TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE
REGARDING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE AT LOCATIONS
DESTROYED BY NATURAL DISASTER BY ST. JOSEPH TELEPHONE &
TELEGRAPH COMPANY (T-96-322 FILED 4/23/96)

AGENDA: 5/21/96 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED
PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 30 DAY EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/23/96

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\960544TL.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company's request to clarify language in its General Exchange Tariff regarding the re-establishment of service at a location destroyed by a natural disaster?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, the Commission should approve St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company's request to clarify language in its General Exchange Tariff regarding the re-establishment of service at a location destroyed by a natural disaster.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Tariff Description

The purpose of St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company's (St. Joe or the Company) filing is to clarify the tariff language regarding the re-establishment of service at a location destroyed or made unlivable by a disaster.

St. Joe's current tariff applies regular service charges to re-establish service in the old location(s) after termination of

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service occurs due to destruction from a natural disaster. With this filing, the Company proposes to no longer apply service connection charges when service is re-established at the damaged location. However, if a customer desires service temporarily at a new location, then regular service charges will still apply.

Recommendation

The Company proposes not to reassess service connection charges at locations damaged by a natural disaster. This tariff change is clearly beneficial to end users. For this reason, staff recommends approval of this filing.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If the Commission approves the recommendation in Issue 1, this tariff should become effective on May 23, 1996. If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance of the Order, this tariff should remain in effect with any increase in revenue held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

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