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MEMORANDUM

March 20, 1997

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

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (COPRY, CORDIANO) *WJ*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (COX) *WPC mcb*

RE: DOCKET NO. 970317-TL - REQUEST TO ELIMINATE PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE BY ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC. (T-97-0040 FILED 1/15/97)

DOCKET NO. 970318-TL - REQUEST TO ELIMINATE PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE BY FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH, INC. (T-97-0134 FILED 2/17/97)

DOCKET NO. 970319-TL - REQUEST TO ELIMINATE PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE BY QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY (T-97-0162 FILED 2/28/97)

AGENDA: APRIL 1, 1997 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILINGS - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: OTHER CRITICAL DATES: April 15, 1997 (FCC MANDATED)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\970317TL.BCM

CASE BACKGROUND

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Dockets 96-388 and 96-439 ("Payphone Order"), mandated all local exchange companies (LECs) to eliminate retail payphone (public and semi-public) offerings from their General Subscriber Service Tariffs by April 15, 1997. In addition, these orders require that any intrastate subsidies associated with the LECs' payphone operations be eliminated by the same date. ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL), Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. (Frontier), and Quincy Telephone Company (Quincy), by these tariff filings eliminate their public and semi-public telephone offerings.

Staff would note there is a timing problem for Northeast Florida Telephone Company, Inc. (Northeast), the remaining rate-of-return (ROR) LEC. Northeast will be unable to meet the April 15,

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1997 effective date, due to the 30-day filing period per Rule 25-4.214, F.A.C. Staff recommends the Commission's decision in these dockets authorize Northeast to submit a tariff deleting its public and semi-public offerings effective April 15, 1997. Staff will process the filing administratively.

Further, staff recommends that any intrastate subsidies required to be eliminated by the FCC, be handled in accordance with the parameters enumerated in Docket No. 970281-TL (Establishment of Intrastate Implementation Requirements governing Federally Mandated Deregulation of Local Exchange Company Payphones), that was approved at the March 18, 1997 Agenda Conference.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should ALLTEL, Frontier, and Quincy's tariff filings to eliminate public and semi-public telephone service be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. ALLTEL, Frontier, and Quincy's tariff filings should be approved, effective April 15, 1997.

STAFF ANALYSIS: ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL), Frontier Communications of the South, Inc. (Frontier), and Quincy Telephone Company (Quincy) submitted tariff filings to eliminate public and semi-public telephone service from their General Subscriber Services Tariffs (Attachment A, B, and C, respectively). The FCC in Orders 96-388 and 96-439 mandated this action, with an April 15, 1997 effective date.

Staff recommends the tariffs be approved. Further, staff believes that any intrastate subsidies required to be eliminated by the FCC, be handled in accordance with the parameters established in Docket No. 970281-TL. Docket No. 970281-TL establishes the intrastate implementation requirements governing federally mandated deregulation of local exchange company payphones.

ISSUE 2: Should Northeast be required to make a tariff filing eliminating public and semi-public telephones from its respective General Subscriber Services Tariff, effective April 15, 1997?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. By April 7, 1997, Northeast should be required to make a tariff filing eliminating public and semi-public telephones from its General Subscriber Services Tariff. The effective date of the filing should be April 15, 1997.

STAFF ANALYSIS: In order for Northeast, the remaining rate-of-return LEC, to be in compliance with the provisions of Section 276 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and FCC Orders 96-388 and 96-439, staff recommends that the Commission order Northeast to file a tariff reflecting the elimination of public and semi-public telephone service from its General Subscriber Services Tariff.

The tariff should be filed no later than April 7, 1997 and bear an April 15, 1997 effective date. Staff will process the filing administratively.

Any intrastate subsidy required to be eliminated by the FCC, should be handled in accordance with the parameters established in Docket No. 970281-TL.

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ISSUE 3: Should these dockets be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If no timely protest is filed within 21 days of the date of issuance of the Order, Docket Nos. 970317-TL, 970318-TL, and 970319-TL should be closed. A protest in one docket should not prevent action in a separate docket from becoming final. If a timely protest is filed, tariffs filed in accordance with the Order should remain in effect with revenues held subject to refund.

STAFF ANALYSIS: If no timely protest is filed within 21 days of the date of issuance of the Order, Docket Nos. 970317-TL, 970318-TL, and 970319-TL should be closed. A protest in one docket should not prevent action in a separate docket from becoming final. If a timely protest is filed, tariffs filed in accordance with the Order should remain in effect with revenues held subject to refund.

ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC

LEGISLATIVE PERMIT

Attachment A

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BY President
Live Oak, Florida

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Live Oak, Florida

DEFINITION OF TERMS

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

An exchange main station installed on the Company's initiative, or at the Company's option at a location chosen or accepted as suitable and necessary for furnishing service to the general public.

- a. Coin Box Public Telephone: A public telephone equipped with a coin collecting device into which all payments for the use of the telephone may be deposited.

RATE CENTER

A designation for central office codes which determines the rating of toll messages. Central office prefixes in the same rate center will share the same V & H coordinate designations, listed in the AT&T Long Lines Distance Dialing Reference Guide.

REFERENCE LISTING

See "Directory Listing".

ROUTE MEASUREMENT

See "Mileage and Zone Charges".

SECRETARIAL LINES

Extension station lines or main station lines of patrons of a telephone answering bureau which terminate in telephone answering facilities on the premises of the bureau so as to permit the bureau attendant to answer incoming calls on such lines.

SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE

An exchange main station generally including a coin box, furnished at locations reasonably accessible to the public but not suitable for the installation of public telephones.

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(M) Material on this page was previously found on Pages 14 and 15 of this section.

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From the Communications of the South
Southland Telephone Company
 201 South Pensacola Avenue
 Atmore, Alabama 36504

SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

Florida
Public Service Commission
Schedule 6

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PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE

1. Telephone equipped with coin boxes for the purpose of collecting charges for local and toll messages originating at said telephone are provided only at locations where, in the judgment of the telephone company, there is a well-defined need for service on the part of the customers. Pay telephones are furnished in "places of public accommodation" and "commercial facilities," as such terms are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
2. A well-defined need may be determined by factors such as:
 - a. Monthly gross receipts in excess of \$50.
 - b. Places where lack of a pay phone would work a public hardship—for example a public hospital lobby.
3. The telephone company will omit a booth or provide the type of booth which, in its judgment, is best suited to the location. Enclosures, directory facilities and accessibility features are furnished to the extent deemed necessary by the telephone company and as required by law. The telephone company will install the appropriate signage to direct customers to pay telephone stations and for the applicable accessibility features.
4. Directory listings are not provided for public telephones.
5. All collections are retained by the telephone company. No commissions are paid on pay telephone service.
6. Pay telephone service may be discontinued whenever, in the judgment of the telephone company, there is no longer a well-defined need on the part of customers or when losses become consistent or excessive.
7. Service charges do not apply.
8. Directory advertising may not be used in connection with pay telephone service.
9. Local messages from pay telephones are charged at 25 cents each, prepaid.
10. A \$.25 set use fee is also applicable on all local and intraLATA 0- or 0+ dialed calls.

Richard Burgess, Gen Mgr.

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Frontier Communications of the South, Inc
~~Southern Telephone Company~~
 201 South Ponce de Leon Avenue
 Athens, Alabama 36804
 This schedule applies to
 entire company

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 Public Service Commission
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SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

1. Semi-Public telephone service is that class of coin-box exchange service which is established at the discretion of the Telephone Company for use of the patrons of the premises, not primarily for the use of the general public, and at locations where the conditions are such that, in the opinion of the Telephone Company, the installation of pay telephone service is not warranted.
2. Semi-Public telephone contracts are taken for an initial period of one month.
3. Directory listings, as covered in Schedule 4 of this tariff, are applicable to Semi-Public Service.
4. An additional telephone without a, or with a disabled, dial and/or ringer may be provided for answering incoming calls provided it is located in full view of the customer using the pay station, at the regular charges for the telephone as shown in Schedule 9.
5. Service Charges apply.
6. Semi-Public service may be discontinued at the discretion of the Telephone Company, whenever the use of the service does not warrant continuation of the service.
7. Directory advertising may be used in connection with Semi-Public Telephone Service, and issue billing may be utilized, at the Telephone Company's option.
8. Semi-Public telephones are furnished in "places of public accommodation" and "commercial facilities," as such terms are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
9. The telephone company will install the appropriate signage to direct customers to telephone locations and for the applicable accessibility features.

Richard Burgess, Gen Mgr

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eliminate certain service

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How does Northeast Florida become a party?

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Fwd to: Don Strickland

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In the recommendation, staff is
recommending that the Commission require
Northeast to file rate to be processed
administratively.
