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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 970526-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

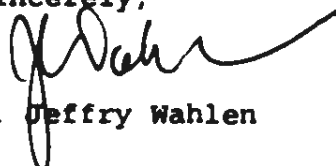
Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Northeast Florida Telephone Company's Prehearing Statement.

We are also submitting the Prehearing Statement on a 3.5" high-density diskette generated on a DOS computer in WordPerfect 5.1 format.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



J. Jeffrey Wahlen

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cc: All parties of record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Generic consideration of local)
exchange (ILEC) business office)
practices and tariff provisions in the)
implementation of intralATA)
presubscription)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 970526-TP
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**NORTHEAST FLORIDA TELEPHONE
COMPANY'S PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Northeast Florida Telephone Company ("NEFTC"), pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-0010-PCO-TP, issued January 5, 1998, hereby submits its Prehearing Statement:

A. **Witnesses**

None.

B. **Exhibits**

None.

C. **Statement of Basic Position**

The Commission should approve the proposed stipulation.

D. **NEFTC's Position on the Issue**

Issue 1: Should the Commission prohibit GTEFL, Sprint, and the small ILECs (ILECs) from utilizing terminology that suggests ownership of the intralATA toll calling area when referring to the intralATA service areas in directories and bill inserts?

Position: See proposed stipulation.

Issue 2: Should the Commission require GTEFL, Sprint-Florida, and the small ILECs (ILECs) to place a new customer who is undecided regarding a choice of intralATA carriers in a "no-PIC" status until a choice is made?

Position: See proposed stipulation.

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Issue 3: Should the Commission require GTEFL, Sprint-Florida, and the small ILECs (ILECs) to put in place competitively-neutral customer contact protocols?

- a. Communicating information to new customers regarding intraLATA choices.
- b. ILEC processing all PIC change orders of its customers.

Position: See proposed stipulation.

Issue 4: For what period of time, if any, should the Commission require GTEFL, Sprint-Florida, and the small ILECs (ILECs) to put in place competitively-neutral customer contact protocols?

- a. ILECs' ability to market their services to existing customers changing their intraLATA carriers.
- b. ILECs' ability to market intraLATA services to existing customers when they call for reasons other than selecting intraLATA carriers.

Position: See proposed stipulation.

Issue 5: Should the Commission require GTEFL, Sprint-Florida, and small ILECs (ILECs) to provide One Free PIC to existing customers?

Position: See proposed stipulation.

Issue 6: Should the Commission require GTEFL, Sprint-Florida, and small ILECs (ILECs) to provide Two-For-One PIC to existing customers?

Position: See proposed stipulation.

E. Stipulations

The parties are working on a proposed stipulation, and anticipate having it complete by the pre-hearing conference.


F. Pending Motions Filed by NEFTC

None.

G. Other Requirements

NEFTC knows of no requirement set forth in the Prehearing Order with which it cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of January, 1998.



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