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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Docket No. 970526-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

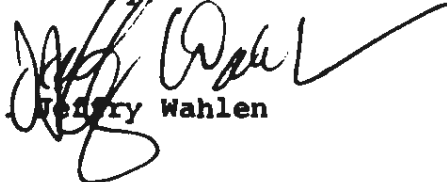
Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Northeast Florida Telephone Company's Posthearing Statement and Brief.

We are also submitting the Posthearing Statement and Brief 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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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'S POSTHEARING STATEMENT AND BRIEF

Northeast Florida Telephone Company ("Northeast"), pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-0010-PCO-TP, issued January 5, 1998, and Rule 25-22.056, Florida Administrative Code, hereby submits the following Post-Hearing Statement and Brief:

I.

Introduction

The final hearing in this docket was held on February 23, 1998. The Commission approved a stipulation between the parties at the beginning of the hearing. [Tr. 6 - 10] That stipulation resolved all of the issues for Northeast except issue 5 (two-for-one PIC). GTE was the only LEC to present testimony on that issue. Northeast is not opposed to a two-for-one PIC, but believes that small LECs like Northeast should get whatever GTE gets if the Commission orders a less than two-for-one PIC as proposed by GTE.

Northeast's Position on the Issues

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: This issue has been resolved by the Commission's approval of the stipulation in this docket.

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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: This issue has been resolved by the Commission's approval of the stipulation in this docket.

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: This issue has been resolved by the Commission's approval of the stipulation in this docket.

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: This issue has been resolved by the Commission's approval of the stipulation in this docket.

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

Position: This issue has been resolved by the Commission's approval of the stipulation in this docket.


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

Position: * Northeast is not opposed to a two-for-one PIC, but believes that small LECs like Northeast should get whatever GTE gets if the Commission orders a less than two-for-one PIC as proposed by GTE.

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Please see Tr. 19 - 69.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of March, 1998.



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