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TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (DOWDS, KING)

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RE: 980696-TP-DETERMINATION OF THE COST OF BASIC LOCAL

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 364.025.

FLORIDA STATUTES.

Attached are the issues that staff will recommend to the Prehearing Officer in Docket No. 980696-TP. Any interested person wishing to file comments regarding these issues must do so by July 10, 1998. Your comments may also include requests for oral argument if you believe oral argument before the Prehearing Officer is necessary prior to the September 28, 1998, Prehearing Conference.

Furthermore, if you intend to participate in this docketed matter, you must file a Petition to Intervene if you have not already done so. If you do not formally intervene, you will not receive the pertinent information and documentation (or be included on the parties' service list) in this docket.

If there are any questions, please call Laura King at (850) 413-6588 or Will Cox at (850) 413-6204.

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- (p) Traffic data
- (q) Signaling system costs
- (r) Transport system costs and associated variables
- (s) Expenses
- (t) Other inputs
- 6. (a) For purposes of determining the cost of basic local telecommunications service appropriate for establishing a permanent universal service mechanism, for which Florida local exchange companies must the cost of basic local telecommunications service be determined using the cost proxy model identified in Issue 1?
 - (b) For each of the LECs identified in (a), what cost results from using the input values identified in Issue 3 in the cost proxy model identified in Issue 1?
- 7. (a) For purposes of determining the cost of basic local telecommunications service appropriate for establishing a permanent universal service mechanism, should the cost of basic local telecommunications service for each of the LECs that serve fewer than 100,000 access lines be computed using the cost proxy model identified in Issue 1 with the input values identified in Issue 3?
 - (b) If yes, for each of the LECs that serve fewer than 100,000 access lines, what cost results from using the input values identified in Issue 3 in the cost proxy model identified in Issue 1?
 - (c) If not, for each of the Florida LECs that serve fewer than 100,000 access lines, what approach should be employed to determine the cost of basic local telecommunications service and what is the resulting cost?