



Florida Cable Telecommunications Association

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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 980696-TP; Determination of the cost of basic local telecommunications service, pursuant to section 364.025, Florida Statutes

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Pursuant to instructions from Commission Staff at the July 2, 1998 issue identification conference in the above-referenced proceeding, the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association (FCTA) and Time Warner Communications (Time Warner) submit the following comments concerning Staff's issues list.

The FCTA and Time Warner support Staff's issues list which is narrowly drawn to not only address the statutory requirements but to do so within the abbreviated statutory time frames. The issues track the statutory phraseology clearly limiting the Commission's "determination and report" to the cost of basic local service pursuant to a proxy model to be selected by the Commission. It is clear that the legislature intends to make a determination regarding whether a permanent mechanism is needed and the details of such a mechanism at a later date. It would be inappropriate for the Commission to reach beyond the very straight-forward task assigned to it. Accordingly, FCTA and Time Warner believe that FCCA's proposed issues and GTE's proposed additional issues inappropriately expand the scope of this docket and should be rejected.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Yours very truly,

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