BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: SPECIAL PROJECT NO. 980000C-SP

STUDY 1, CHAPTER 98-277, GENERAL LAWS OF FLORIDA:
DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF SUPPORT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE
RESIDENTIAL BASIC LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
TO LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS WHO QUALIFY FOR LIFELINE SERVICE

ISSUED: September 14, 1998

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a workshop, in the above-referenced undocketed special project, to which all persons are invited, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 1998 Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is to provide interested persons an opportunity to respond to the method that the Commission Staff is using to determine the number of low income telephone customers in Florida (those customers qualified for Lifeline service as defined in Section 364.10(2), Florida Statutes). This effort is being conducted so that the Commission may determine the amount of support necessary to provide residential basic local telecommunications service to such customers as required by Section 364.025(4)(d), Florida Statutes.

Prior to the workshop, Staff will provide interested persons with a working copy of a preliminary staff report describing the method used to determine the number of low income customers and estimates of the same. Discussion during the workshop will focus on the methodology used to determine the number of Lifeline-eligible customers and the related estimates, but interested

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persons may present for discussion other issues related to the funding of the Lifeline program. All interested persons are welcome to participate.

If you wish to comment but cannot attend the workshop, please file your comments with the Division of Records and Reporting, Gerald L. Gunter Building, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, on or before September 30, 1998, specifically referencing Special Project No. 980000C-SP - Determination of Amount of Support Necessary to Provide Residential Basic Local Telecommunications Service To Low-Income Customers Who Qualify for Lifeline Service.

Any person with question(s) regarding the workshop should call either Bill McNulty at (850) 413-6443 or Will Cox at (850) 413-6204.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction is vested in this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 14th day of September, 1998.

BLANCA S. BAYO, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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