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Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On Friday, January 15, 1999, Mr. David Dowds and Mr. Greg Fogleman of the Florida Public Service Commission staff contacted Dr. Brian Stahr of Sprint. The subject of this contact regarded the revised BCPM 3.1 model filed by Sprint on Tuesday, January 12, 1999, in compliance with the order of the Florida Public Service Commission in Docket No. 980698-TP.

As filed, the revised model contained a slight calculation error that impacted the determination of operating expenses that are applied on the basis of a percentage of investment. This occurred when the user specified that support should be based on cost aggregation at the grid level.

Sprint identified this error and provided to Mr. Dowds and Mr. Fogleman the formula changes to correct this. Sprint is filing this letter so that any interested party will have the information on the location of the error and the correction.

In the BCPM 3.1 directory, there will be a subfolder titled "Modules", and within that will be a subfolder titled "Rptcalc". Within the "Rptcalc" subfolder will be a file named "Rptcalc.xls".

To make the correction, a user should open the file named "Rptcalc.xls". Within this Excel Workbook will be several sheets. The user will need to make a change in two of these sheets, those named "Expenses Res" and "Expenses Bus".

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First, in the sheet named "Expenses Res", Column AN Row 3, contains the following formula to develop the Residential Proportion of Total Lines:

=IF(TotalWorkingLines=0,0,IF(AND((ResLines+BusLines)=0,TotalWorkingLines>0),1,ResLines/(ResLines+BusLines)))

The phrase *TotalWorkingLines* should be changed to *TotalLinesServed* in both locations in this formula. The resulting corrected formula should read as follows:

=IF(TotalLinesServed=0,0,IF(AND((ResLines+BusLines)=0,TotalLinesServed>0),1,ResLines/(ResLines+BusLines)))

Then, in the sheet named "Expenses Bus", Column An Row 3, contains a similar formula to develop the Business Proportion of Total Lines that reads:

=IF(TotalWorkingLines=0,0,IF(AND((ResLines+BusLines)=0,TotalWorkingLines>0),0,BusLines/(ResLines+BusLines)))

Again, the phrase *TotalWorkingLines* should be changed to *TotalLinesServed* in both locations in this formula. The resulting correct formula should read:

=IF(TotalLinesServed=0,0,IF(AND((ResLines+BusLines)=0,TotalLinesServed>0),0,BusLines/(ResLines+BusLines)))

With these two corrections the calculation of operating expenses will not be impacted when the user selects the grid level of aggregation for support determination. Once these changes have been made the user should reprocess only the reports for each view.

Two copies of the CD-ROM containing the model with the report calc correction will be submitted on Friday, January 22, 1999. Sprint is willing to provide via, overnight delivery, a copy of the CD-ROM containing the corrected model if any party deems necessary.

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

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours Truly,

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