

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: April 15, 1999

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, to adopt provisions relating to regulatory assessment fees; telecommunications companies.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the April 23, 1999, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be held at the following time and place:

Florida Public Service Commission
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 11, 1999
Room 166, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

The request must be submitted in writing and received by Christiana T. Moore, Division of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, no later than May 7, 1999.

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 hearing. 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).


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By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this
15th day of April, 1999.



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Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT IS: Stephanie Cater, Division of Auditing & Financial Analysis, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, 850/413-6429.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

25-4.0161 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

(1) As applicable and as provided in s. 350.113, F.S. s. 364.336, F.S., and s. 364.337, F.S., each company shall remit a fee based upon its gross operating revenue as provided below. This fee shall be referred to as a regulatory assessment fee, and each company shall pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of 0.0015 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. For the purpose of determining this fee, each ~~interexchange~~ telecommunications company and ~~each pay telephone company~~ shall deduct from gross operating revenues any amounts paid to another telecommunications company for the use of any for use of the local network to a telecommunications network to provide service to its customers. ~~company providing local service.~~ Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee of \$50 shall be imposed.

(2) No change.

(3) No change.

(4) Commission Form PSC/CMU 25 (/99)-~~(07/96)~~, entitled "Local

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~~Exchange Communication~~ Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," applicable to local exchange telecommunications companies; Form PSC/CMU 26 (/99)(~~07/96~~), entitled "Pay Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return"; Form PSC/CMU 34 (/99)(~~07/96~~), entitled "Shared Tenant Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return"; Form PSC/CMU 153 (/99)(~~07/96~~), entitled "Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return"; and Form PSC/CMU 1 (/99)(~~07/96~~), entitled "Alternative Access Vendor Regulatory Assessment Fee Return"; and Form PSC/CMU 7 (/99)(~~07/96~~), entitled "Alternative Local Exchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return" are incorporated into this rule by reference and may be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administration.

(5)-(8) No change.

Specific Authority: 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented: 350.113, 364.336, 364.337(4) FS.

History--New 05-18-83, formerly 25-4.161, Amended 10-16-86, 01-01-91, 12-29-91, 01-08-95, 12-26-95, 07-08-96, _____.