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JULY 15, 1999

TO:

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAY)

FROM:

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (T.WILLIAMS

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (J.MILLER)

RE:

DOCKET NO. 981808-TI; REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF STOCK OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY d/b/a CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY (HOLDER OF IXC CERTIFICATE NO. 4465) AND ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, INC. (HOLDER OF IXC CERTIFICATE NO. 4766) FROM CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY TO

CITIZENS NEWCO COMPANY.

AGENDA:

07/27/99 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY

PARTICIPATE.

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\981808.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

The above docket was initiated pursuant to a request for approval of transfer of stock filed jointly by Electric Lightwave, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company d/b/a Citizens Communications Company, Citizens Utilities Company, and Citizens Newco Company on December 1, 1998.

The Commission approved the transfer of stock in Order No. PSC-99-0251-FOF-TI, issued February 9, 1999.

On June 11, 1999, staff was notified by Karen J. Johnson, Acting Chief Counsel for Electic Lightwave, Inc., that the transfer of stock did not take place (Attachment A). Therefore, staff is requesting that Order No. PSC-99-0251-FOF-TI, issued February 9, 1999, be vacated.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should Order No. PSC-99-0251-FOF-TI, issued February 9,
1999, in Docket No. 981808-TI be vacated?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Since the transfer of stock did not take place, staff is recommending that Order No. PSC-99-0251-FOF-TI, issued February 9, 1999, be vacated, as requested by Electric Lightwave, Inc.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Yes, this docket should be closed upon issuance of the Commission's vacating order.

<u>STAFF ANALYSIS:</u> This docket should be closed when the Commission's order vacating its approval of the merger is issued.