

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

TO

ALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES
ALL INTEREXCHANGE COMPANIES
ALL ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES
ALL ELECTRIC UTILITIES
ALL NATURAL GAS UTILITIES
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

UNDOCKETED STAFF PROJECT

IN RE: THE ROLE OF POWER COMPANIES IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ISSUED: July 16, 1999

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule 25-22.001, Florida Administrative Code, that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a workshop in the above-referenced docket at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 1999
Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of the workshop will be to explore the role of power companies in the competitive telecommunications market, to determine whether power companies have an interest in providing telecommunications services in the state of Florida, and to determine what types of services these companies are currently providing, i.e. data, voice, broadband, or leased capacity. The workshop will also explore any obstacles the power companies may face in entering the telecommunications market.

At the workshop, interested persons will have the opportunity to present issues relevant to the topic, including those listed below. If interested, please contact Elton Howell no later than July 28, 1999 at (850) 413-6576.

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Prior to the workshop, all interested persons may submit written comments addressing the following issues:

1. For power companies (investor-owned or municipal, electric or gas) in Florida, please indicate whether you have considered providing telecommunications services to the general public?

2. To what extent can the current facilities of power companies be utilized in offering telecommunications services to the general public?

3. What types of telecommunications services are power companies currently providing, i.e. data, voice, broadband, or leased capacity?

4. What barriers to entry do investor-owned power companies face in entering the telecommunications market?

5. What barriers to entry do municipal power companies face in entering the telecommunications market?

Written comments may be filed with the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, no later than July 28, 1999, specifically referencing **Undocketed Staff Project: The Role of Power Companies in Telecommunications.**

Any questions concerning this notice may be addressed to Donna Clemons, (850) 413-6216, or Elton Howell, (850) 413-6576.

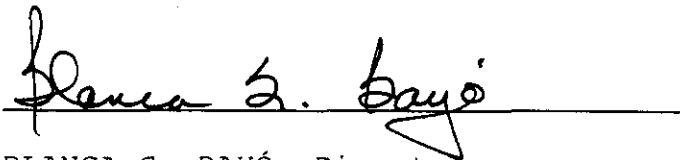
Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770, at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by 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. This workshop will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-4, 25-22, 25-24, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th
day of July, 1999.

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BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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