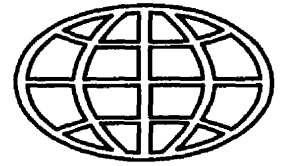


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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Div. of Commission Clerk & Adm. Svcs.
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 011487-TX

Dear Ms. Bayo:

We are in receipt of the Case Assignment and Scheduling Record for the above referenced Docket which is brought against our company. After speaking with Melinda Watts in the Division of Competitive Services, I understand this violation is related to the neglect of our company to file a timely 2001 Local Competition Report which we now enclose. Ms. Watts also explained about the resultant penalty of \$5,000.

The amount of this penalty speaks volumes of its importance but for our company, it would represent tremendous financial burden. It is our opinion that this is an important report for many of the reasons explained to me by Ms. Watts. Since it is made public, it is valuable to both the commission and ALECs. We also recognize that this information is only good if collected and compiled at the same time. For this reason, we believe it is reasonable that a penalty in "relative" terms be imposed against ALECs who fail to file on time.

We are not currently active yet in the ALEC marketplace and consequently have not generated any revenue from it. We wish to recognize our non-compliance and are willing to pay a penalty but wish to submit for your consideration a much lower penalty in the amount of \$150. We have made necessary internal changes to assure that future requests from the PSC will be handled timely and accurately and you will not have this situation occur again. It seems a sizeable penalty for an administrative non-compliance would be unreasonable and inequitable. We hope that the commission will take our comments into consideration and award Meridian with a favorable decision to substantially decrease the amount of penalty imposed to \$150.

Best Regards,

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"NOT OFFERING SERVICE"

2001 ALEC Data Request

Florida Statute 364.02(2) defines basic local service as:

"Basic local telecommunications service" means voice-grade, flat-rate residential and flat-rate single line business local exchange services which provide dial tone, local usage necessary to place unlimited calls within a local exchange area, dual tone multi-frequency dialing, and access to the following: emergency services such as "911," all locally available interexchange companies, directory assistance, operator services, relay services, and an alphabetical directory listing. For a local exchange company, such terms shall include any extended area service routes, and extended calling service in existence or ordered by the commission on or before July, 1 1995.

1.
 - a. Are you providing service to residential customers in Florida that complies with the above definition of **basic local service**?
 - b. To how many residential customers are you providing **basic local service** in Florida?
 - c. What are your current rates for providing residential **basic local service**?
 - d. Are you providing service to business customers in Florida that complies with the above definition of **basic local service**?
 - e. To how many business customers are you providing **basic local service** in Florida?
 - f. What are your current rates for providing business **basic local service** in Florida?

2. Are you currently providing other forms of local service (business or residential) in Florida that may not meet Florida's statutory definition of **basic local service**? (Examples could include: multi-line business users; services with toll or usage restrictions; mandatory 900 blocking; limited amount of local calling included in the monthly charge; bundled service offerings; etc.)
(If yes, continue with question #2; if no, skip to Question #3)
 - a. Are you currently providing other forms of local service to residential customers in Florida?
 - b. If the response to a. is affirmative, please describe each of the forms of local service you are providing to residential customers in Florida. (If available, please provide marketing brochures or comparable materials.)

- c. If the response to a. is affirmative, please indicate your current rates for each of the services indicated in response to b.
 - d. Are you currently providing other forms of local service to business customers in Florida?
 - e. If the response to d. is affirmative, please describe each of the forms of local service you are providing to business customers in Florida. (If available, please provide marketing brochures or comparable materials.)
 - f. If the response to d. is affirmative, please indicate your current standard rates for each of the services indicated in response to e.
3. Please describe the method(s) you are using to provide telephone services (e.g., resale, interconnection, unbundled network elements, facility-based, etc.).
- a. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of LEC access lines you are reselling to residential customers.
 - b. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of LEC access lines you are reselling to business customers.
 - c. Please indicate, by exchange, the types of unbundled network elements, if any, you are obtaining from the incumbent LEC.
 - d. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of unbundled local loops, if any, you are obtaining from the incumbent LEC.
 - e. Please indicate the types of facilities deployed by your company in Florida to provide local telephone services, and indicate where these facilities are deployed.
 - f. If known, please indicate the number of access lines, separately for residential and business customers, provisioned solely over company-owned facilities.
 - g. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of business access lines you serve that are provided to Internet service providers.
 - h. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of business access lines you serve that are provided to voicemail service providers.
4. Please indicate the number and location of switches you have located in Florida, if any, used to provide services to customers in Florida.