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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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Re: Docket No. 011077-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

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On behalf of the Florida Competitive Carriers Association (FCCA), enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 15 copies of the following:

The Florida Competitive Carriers Association's Comments and Prioritization of Issues.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copies enclosed herein and return it to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly, Vicki Gordon Kaufman RECEIVED &

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Generic Investigation into

Whether Competitive Practices

of Incumbent and Local Exchange

Carriers Comply with Section

364.01(4)(G), F.S.

Docket No. 011077-TP

Filed: January 11, 2002

The Florida Competitive Carriers Association's Comments and Prioritization of Issues

Pursuant to the Staff request in its Memo of December 20, 2001, the Florida Competitive

Carriers Association (FCCA) files these preliminary comments and prioritization of the Staff issue

list.

1. The FCCA believes that it is critical that the Commission thoroughly investigate and

promptly remedy the anticompetitive behavior of incumbents currently occurring in the marketplace.

Such behavior presents a large barrier to competitive entry and is, in part, responsible for the

relatively small amount of local competition in the Florida market today. The FCCA appreciates the

Commission's investigation of these matters and encourages the Commission to move forward

quickly with this investigation.

2. However, the FCCA is also concerned regarding the availability of resources to be

devoted to this process and encourages the Commission to group like or similar issues together so

that they can be resolved at together. FCCA has attempted to make such a grouping (for example,

as to issues regarding win back) in the attachment to this pleading and has prioritized some of the

Staff identified issues as well as additional issues of importance to the industry. At this time, FCCA

has not given every concern identified by Staff a priority number. Rather, FCCA suggests that the

parties work on the groups of issues FCCA has prioritized and when those issues are completed,

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revisit the list again.

3. Further, FCCA would note that it is important that as new anticompetitive behavior is identified or as issues arise, parties have the opportunity to address them and are not precluded from raising them in this docket (or through other procedures) simply because they are not included on the original priority list from which the Staff and parties initially work.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing The Florida Competitive Carriers Association's Comments and Prioritization of Issues has been furnished by (\*) hand delivery or by U. S. Mail on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002, to the following:

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Competitive Practice	Priority Ranking
Refusal to Convert Special Access	5
Sharing of Information Between Retail and Wholesale Units	2
Use of Remote Switches Create a Barrier to Entry	
Misinformation Provided to Customer Regarding A Competing Carrier	3
Disparaging Comments Made to Customer Regarding a Competing Carrier	3
Unreasonable Engineering Requirements for Conduit Entrance	
Refusal to Port Numbers To Customer Who Has Switched Carriers	
Refusal to Transfer Customers With Outstanding Bills	
Loss of Dial Tone and/or Ancillary Services During the Switch	
Phone Service Disruptions After the Switch	
Win-Back Programs	2
Disconnect and New Connect Orders Separated During the Conversion Process	
LSR Immediately Stamped "Pending Facilities", Even Though Facilities Are Currently In-Service	4
Multiple Billing Errors	
Escalation Procedures Do Not Result in the Timely Resolution of Issues	
Establishing Cross Connects Without Permission	
Caller ID Boxes Do Not Recognize Ported Numbers	
ILEC Techs Not Property Trained on New Loop Products, Results in Bad Loops and ILEC Will Not Help Troubleshoot	
No Dispute Process for a PIC Change	
ILEC Charging ALEC for PIC Change Yet ALEC is Preparing the Paperwork	

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