

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition to implement practices and procedures with Department of Children and Families to automatically enroll eligible customers in Lifeline telephone program, by Citizens of Florida and AARP.

DOCKET NO. 060677-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-06-0935-PCO-TL
ISSUED: November 7, 2006

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On October 11, 2006, the Citizens of Florida, through Harold McLean, Public Counsel, and AARP filed a Petition to Implement Automatic Enrollment for Lifeline Telephone Services (Petition) requesting this Commission to order local exchange telecommunications companies in Florida to implement practices and procedures with the Department of Children and Families to automatically enroll eligible customers in the Lifeline telephone program. Responses to the Petition were due October 31, 2006.

On October 31, 2006, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. filed a Motion for Extension of Time (Motion) requesting an extension to file its response to the Petition through and including November 17, 2006. In support of its Motion, BellSouth asserts that more time is needed to review the Petition and prepare an appropriate response. BellSouth further asserts that no party has objected to its request for an extension.

Upon consideration, I find it reasonable and appropriate to grant BellSouth's Motion. I further find that no party will be prejudiced by this decision since there have been no objections and a procedural schedule has yet to be put in place. Accordingly, the filing date for BellSouth's response is hereby extended until November 17, 2006.

Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar, as Presiding Officer, that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Extension of Time is hereby granted. It is further


ORDERED that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. shall have until November 17, 2006 to file its response.

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By ORDER of Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar, as Presiding Officer, this 7th day of November, 2006.


LISA POLAK EDGAR
Chairman and Presiding Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.