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Ms. Ann Cole
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Undocketed, In re: CLEC Intrastate Access Charges

Dear Ms. Cole:

The Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. (CompSouth) have the following reply comments in the above matter.

First, CompSouth disagrees with the comment made by Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) on page 5 of its Post-Workshop Comments that “there appears to be agreement that switched access is a monopoly service whose price cannot be retrained by the market...” At least as applicable to CLECs, as CompSouth pointed out in its presentation at the July 16th workshop and in the answers to Staff’s questions filed on August 8th (see particularly, CompSouth responses to Questions #3 and 5), market forces act to constrain access prices.

Second, the issue of jurisdiction was not discussed at the July 16th workshop in any depth. Therefore, CompSouth would disagree with Sprint’s comment at page 6 “that the conventional wisdom appears to be that the Commission may have authority to regulate intrastate switched access rates charged by CLECs...” The issue of jurisdiction is a complicated one, particularly here in Florida. More research and analysis would be necessary before arriving at any conclusion regarding the Commission’s authority over CLEC access charges.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Attorney for CompSouth