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Re: Docket No. 980696-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed is an original and fifteen copies of TDS Telecom - Quincy Telephone Company's Prehearing Statement, which we ask that you file in the captioned matter.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of the Cost of Basic)
 Local Telecommunications Services,)
 Pursuant to Section 364.025 Florida Statutes)
 _____)

Docket No. 980696-TP

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PREHEARING STATEMENT
 OF TDS TELECOM/QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY

Quincy Telephone (Quincy), through its attorney, files this Prehearing Statement, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 25-22.038, F.A.C., and Order No. PSC-98-1008-PCO-TP, as follows:

- a) Quincy will call one witness: Jeffrey L. Jung.
- b) Quincy will file two exhibits: a summary and an embedded cost study.
- c) The basic position of Quincy is that the determination of the cost of basic local telecommunications service appropriate for establishing a permanent universal service mechanism should be through the use of an embedded cost study for Quincy and other Florida LECs that serve fewer than 100,000 access lines.
- d - g) - Quincy has no position on any of the issues set forth in Order No. PSC-98-1008-PCO-TP, except Issues 6(a) and 6(c). The Commission should not use a cost proxy model to compute the cost of basic local telecommunications service for LECs that serve fewer than 100,000 access lines. Instead, the Commission should use an embedded cost study approach to determine the cost of basic local telecommunications service for Quincy; using such an approach, the resulting cost for Quincy is \$44.39 per access line per month.
- h) Quincy has not stipulated to any issues.

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