BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into pricing of unbundled network elements.

DOCKET NO. 990649-TP DATED: AUGUST 21, 2000

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-2015-PCO-TP, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

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Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 5: For which signaling networks and call-related databases

should rates be set?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Under what circumstances, if any, is it appropriate to

recover non-recurring costs through recurring rates?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

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ISSUE 7: What are the appropriate assumptions and inputs for the following items to be used in the forward-looking recurring UNE cost studies?

- b) depreciation;
- c) cost of capital;
- d) tax rates.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 9(b):

Subject to the standards of the FCC's Third Report and Order, should the Commission require ILECs to unbundle any other elements or combinations of elements? If so, what are they and how should they be priced?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 13: When should the recurring and non-recurring rates and charges take effect?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

e. <u>Pending Motions</u>

None.

f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None.

g. <u>Compliance with Orders Nos. PSC-00-2015-PCO-TP and PSC-00-0540-PCO-TP</u>.

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure and the revised Order on Procedure entered in this docket.

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Respectfully submitted this 21st day of August, 2000.

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