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RE: Docket No. 140141-TP; Rules 25-4.002, 25-4.003, 25-22.061, 25-24.505, 25-24.514 25-24.555, and 25-24.560, Florida Administrative Code

Dear Mr. Plante:

Enclosed are the following materials concerning the above referenced proposed rules:

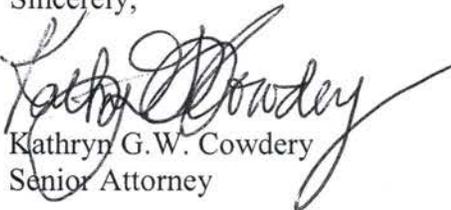
1. A copy of the proposed rules.
2. A copy of the F.A.R. notices.
3. A statement of facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rules.
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If there are any questions with respect to these rules, please do not hesitate to call me at 413-6216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn G.W. Cowdery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathryn G.W. Cowdery  
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Enclosures

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1 **25-4.002 Application and Scope.**

2 ~~(1) These rules are intended to define reasonable service standards that will promote the~~  
3 ~~furnishing of adequate and satisfactory local and long distance service to the public, and to~~  
4 ~~establish the rights and responsibilities of both the company and the customer. The rules~~  
5 ~~contained in Parts I-XI of this chapter apply to local exchange companies. The rules contained~~  
6 ~~in Part X of Chapter 25-24, F.A.C., apply to any Interexchange Company. The rules in Part XI~~  
7 ~~of Chapter 25-24, F.A.C., apply to any pay telephone service. The rules in Part XII of Chapter~~  
8 ~~25-24, F.A.C., apply to all Shared Tenant Service Companies. The rules in Part XIII of~~  
9 ~~Chapter 25-24, F.A.C., apply to all Operator Service Provider Companies and call~~  
10 ~~aggregators. The rules contained in Part XIV of Chapter 25-24, F.A.C., apply to all~~  
11 ~~Alternative Access Vendor Service Providers. The rules contained in Part XV of Chapter 25-~~  
12 ~~24, F.A.C., apply to all competitive local exchange telecommunications companies.~~

13 ~~(2) In addition to the rules contained in this part, any local exchange company that provides~~  
14 ~~operator services in a call aggregator context shall also comply with the rules contained in Part~~  
15 ~~XIII of Chapter 25-24, F.A.C.~~

16 *Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.01, 364.335, 364.337, 364.3375,*  
17 *364.3376 FS. History—Revised 12-1-68, Formerly 25-4.02, Amended 2-23-87, 1-8-95, 2-1-99,*  
18 *4-3-05, 3-26-09, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.*

1 **25-4.003 Definitions.**

2 For the purpose of Chapter 25-4, F.A.C., the definitions of the following terms apply:

3 (1) ~~“Access Line” or “Subscriber Line” or “Subscriber Loop”.~~ The circuit or channel between  
4 the demarcation point at the customer’s premises and the serving end or class 5 central office.

5 ~~(2) “Average Busy Season-Busy Hour Traffic.” The average traffic volume for the busy  
6 season-busy hours.~~

7 ~~(3) “Billing Party.” Any entity that bills an end-user on its own behalf or on behalf of an  
8 originating party.~~

9 ~~(4) “Busy Hour.” The continuous one-hour period of the day during which the greatest volume  
10 of traffic is handled in the office.~~

11 ~~(5) “Busy Season.” The calendar month or period of the year (preferably 30 days but not to  
12 exceed 60 days) during which the greatest volume of traffic is handled in the office.~~

13 ~~(2) (6) “Call.” An attempted telephone message.~~

14 ~~(3) (7) “Central Office.” A location where there is an assembly of equipment that establishes  
15 the connections between subscriber access lines, trunks, switched access circuits, private line  
16 facilities, and special access facilities with the rest of the telephone network.~~

17 (4) “Certificate of Authority.” Certificates received by all companies providing  
18 telecommunications services after July 1, 2011.

19 (5) “Certificate of Necessity.” Certificate received by all incumbent local exchange  
20 companies, shared tenant service providers, alternative access vendors, competitive local  
21 exchange companies, and pay telephone service providers to provide telecommunication  
22 services prior to July 1, 2011.

23 ~~(8) “Commission.” The Florida Public Service Commission.~~

24 ~~(6) (9) “Company,” “Telecommunications Company,” or “Telephone Company,” or  
25 “Utility.” These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean~~

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1 "telecommunications company" as defined in Section 364.02(14), F.S.

2 ~~(10) "Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Company (CLEC)." Any company~~  
3 ~~certificated by the commission to provide local exchange telecommunications services in~~  
4 ~~Florida on or after July 1, 1995.~~

5 ~~(11) "Completed call." A call which has been switched through an established path so that~~  
6 ~~two-way conversation or data transmission is possible.~~

7 ~~(12) "Disconnect" or "Disconnection." The dissociation or release of a circuit. In the case of a~~  
8 ~~billable call, the end of the billable time for the call whether intentionally terminated or~~  
9 ~~terminated due to a service interruption.~~

10 ~~(13) "Drop or Service Wire." The connecting link that extends from the local distribution~~  
11 ~~service terminal to the protector or telephone network interface device on the customer's~~  
12 ~~premises.~~

13 ~~(7) (14) "Exchange." The entire telephone plant and facilities used in providing telephone~~  
14 ~~service to subscribers located in an exchange area. An exchange may include more than one~~  
15 ~~central office unit. A central office or group of central offices with the subscriber's stations~~  
16 ~~and lines connected, forming a local system which furnishes means of telephonic~~  
17 ~~intercommunication without toll charges between subscribers within a specified area.~~

18 ~~(15) "Exchange (Service) Area." The territory of a local exchange company (LEC) within~~  
19 ~~which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.~~

20 ~~(16) "Extended Area Service." A type of telephone service whereby subscribers of a given~~  
21 ~~exchange or area may complete calls to, and receive messages from, one or more other~~  
22 ~~exchanges or areas without toll charges, or complete calls to one or more other exchanges or~~  
23 ~~areas without toll message charges.~~

24 ~~(17) "Foreign Exchange Service." A classification of LEC exchange service furnished under~~  
25 ~~tariff provisions whereby a subscriber may be provided telephone service from an exchange~~

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- 1 other than the one from which he would normally be served.
- 2 ~~(18) "Information Service." Telephone calls made to 900 or 976 type services, but does not~~  
3 ~~include Internet services.~~
- 4 ~~(19) "Intercept Service." A service arrangement provided by the telecommunications company~~  
5 ~~whereby calls placed to an unequipped non-working, disconnected, or discontinued telephone~~  
6 ~~number are intercepted by operator, recorder, or audio response computer and the calling party~~  
7 ~~informed that the called telephone number is not in service, has been disconnected,~~  
8 ~~discontinued, or changed to another number, or that calls are received by another telephone.~~  
9 ~~This service is also provided in certain central offices and switching centers to inform the~~  
10 ~~calling party of conditions such as system blockages, inability of the system to complete a call~~  
11 ~~as dialed, no such office code, and all circuits busy.~~
- 12 ~~(20) "Inter office Call." A telephone call originating in one central office but terminating in~~  
13 ~~another central office, both of which are in the same designated exchange area.~~
- 14 ~~(21) "Interstate Toll Message." Those toll messages that do not originate and terminate within~~  
15 ~~the same state.~~
- 16 ~~(22) "Intertoll Trunk." A line or circuit between two toll offices, two end offices, or between~~  
17 ~~an end office and toll office, over which toll calls are passed.~~
- 18 ~~(23) "Intra office Call." A telephone call originating and terminating within the same central~~  
19 ~~office.~~
- 20 ~~(24) Intrastate Interexchange Company (IXC)." Any entity that provides intrastate~~  
21 ~~interexchange telecommunications services.~~
- 22 ~~(25) "Intrastate Toll Message." Those toll messages which originate and terminate within the~~  
23 ~~same state.~~
- 24 ~~(26) "Invalid Number." A number comprised of an unassigned area code number or a non-~~  
25 ~~working central office code (NXX).~~

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- 1 ~~(27) "Large LEC." A LEC certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995, that had in~~  
2 ~~excess of 100,000 access lines in service on July 1, 1995.~~
- 3 ~~(28) "Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)" or "Market Area." A geographical area,~~  
4 ~~which is loosely based on standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSAs), within which a~~  
5 ~~LEC may transport telecommunication signals.~~
- 6 ~~(29) "Local Exchange Telecommunications Company (LEC)." Any telecommunications~~  
7 ~~company, certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995, to provide local exchange~~  
8 ~~telecommunications service.~~
- 9 ~~(8)(30) "Local Provider (LP)." Any telecommunications company providing local~~  
10 ~~telecommunications service, excluding pay telephone providers and call aggregators.~~
- 11 ~~(9)(31) "Local Service Area," or "Local Calling Area." The area within which~~  
12 telecommunications telephone service is furnished subscribers under a specific schedule of  
13 rates and without toll charges. A LEC's local service area may include one or more exchange  
14 areas or portions of exchange areas.
- 15 ~~(32) "Local Toll Provider (LTP)." Any entity providing intraLATA or intramarket area long~~  
16 ~~distance telecommunications service.~~
- 17 ~~(33) "Main Station." The principal telephone associated with each service to which a~~  
18 ~~telephone number is assigned and which is connected to the central office equipment by a~~  
19 ~~circuit or channel.~~
- 20 ~~(10)(34) "Message." A completed telephone call.~~
- 21 ~~(11) "Number Portability." Consumer's ability to change providers and still keep the same~~  
22 phone number.
- 23 ~~(35) "Mileage Charge." A tariff charge for circuits and channels connecting other services that~~  
24 ~~are auxiliary to local exchange service such as off premises extensions, foreign exchange and~~  
25 ~~foreign central office services, private line services, and tie lines.~~

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1 ~~(36) New Construction.~~ New construction is the installation of facilities to serve unserved  
2 areas; new construction is not the rearrangement or repair of defective facilities to serve an  
3 existing area. Adding to or the rearrangement of existing facilities is not considered "new  
4 construction" unless an engineer work order is issued.

5 ~~(37) "Normal Working Days."~~ The normal working days for installation and construction shall  
6 be all days except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The normal working days for repair  
7 service shall be all days except Sundays and holidays. Holidays shall be the days which are  
8 observed by each individual telephone company.

9 ~~(38) "Optional Calling Plan."~~ An optional service furnished under tariff provisions which  
10 recognizes the need of some subscribers for extended area calling without imposing the cost  
11 on the entire body of subscribers.

12 ~~(39) "Originating Party."~~ Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, including a  
13 telecommunications company or a billing clearinghouse, that provides any  
14 telecommunications service or information service to a customer or bills a customer through a  
15 billing party, except the term "originating party" does not include any entity specifically  
16 exempted from the definition of "telecommunications company" as provided in Section  
17 364.02(14)(a) through (f), F.S.

18 ~~(40) "Out of Service."~~ The inability, as reported by the customer, to complete either incoming  
19 or outgoing calls over the subscriber's line. "Out of Service" shall not include:

20 ~~(a) Service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy, or other network or switching~~  
21 ~~capacity shortages;~~

22 ~~(b) Interruptions caused by a negligent or willful act of the subscriber; and~~

23 ~~(c) Situations in which a company suspends or terminates service because of nonpayment of~~  
24 ~~bills, unlawful or improper use of facilities or service, or any other reason set forth in~~  
25 ~~approved tariffs or Commission rules.~~

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- 1 ~~(41) “Outside Plant.” The telephone equipment and facilities installed on, along, or under~~  
2 ~~streets, alleys, highways, or on private rights of way between the central office and~~  
3 ~~subscribers’ locations or between central offices of the same or different exchanges.~~
- 4 ~~(12)~~(42) “Pay Telephone Service Provider Company.” Any telecommunications company that  
5 provides pay telephone service as defined in Section 364.3375, F.S.
- 6 ~~(13)~~(43) “PC-Freeze.” (Preferred Carrier Freeze) A service offered that restricts the  
7 customer’s carrier selection until further notice from the customer.
- 8 ~~(44) “Price regulated local exchange telecommunications company.” Any local exchange~~  
9 ~~telecommunications company certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995 that has~~  
10 ~~elected to become subject to price regulation pursuant to Section 364.051, F.S.~~
- 11 ~~(14)~~(45) “Provider.” Any entity providing telecommunication service, excluding pay  
12 telephone providers and call aggregators (i.e., local, local toll, and toll providers).
- 13 ~~(46) “Rate of return regulated local exchange telecommunications company.” Any local~~  
14 ~~exchange telecommunications company certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995~~  
15 ~~that has not elected to become subject to price regulation pursuant to Section 364.051, F.S.~~
- 16 ~~(47) “Service Objective.” A quality of service which is desirable to be achieved under normal~~  
17 ~~conditions.~~
- 18 ~~(48) “Service Standard.” A level of service that a telecommunications company, under normal~~  
19 ~~conditions, is expected to meet in its certificated territory as representative of adequate~~  
20 ~~services.~~
- 21 ~~(49) “Small LEC.” A LEC certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995, which had~~  
22 ~~fewer than 100,000 access lines in service on July 1, 1995.~~
- 23 ~~(15)~~(50) “Station.” A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated  
24 apparatus so connected as to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.
- 25 ~~(16)~~(51) “Subscriber” or “Customer.” These terms may be used interchangeably herein and

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1 shall mean any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization,  
2 or governmental agency supplied with telecommunications ~~communication~~ service by a  
3 telecommunications company.

4 ~~(52) "Subscriber Line." or "Subscriber Loop." See "Access Line."~~

5 ~~(53) "Switching Center." Location at which telephone traffic, either local or toll, is switched  
6 or connected from one circuit or line to another. A local switching center may be comprised of  
7 several central office units.~~

8 ~~(54) "Toll Connecting Trunk." A trunk that connects a local central office with its toll  
9 operating office.~~

10 ~~(55) "Toll Message." A completed telephone call between stations in different exchanges for  
11 which message toll charges are applicable.~~

12 ~~(56) "Toll Provider (TP)." Any entity providing interLATA long distance telecommunications  
13 service.~~

14 ~~(57) "Traffic Study." The process of recording usage measurements which can be translated  
15 into required quantities of equipment.~~

16 ~~(58) "Trouble Report." Any oral or written report from a subscriber or user of telephone  
17 service to the telephone company indicating improper function or defective conditions with  
18 respect to the operation of telephone facilities over which the telephone company has control.~~

19 ~~(59) "Trunk." A communication channel between central office units or entities, or private  
20 branch exchanges.~~

21 ~~(60) "Valid Number." A number for a specific telephone terminal in an assigned area code and  
22 working central office which is equipped to ring and connect a calling party to such terminal  
23 number.~~

24 *Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.01, 364.02, 364.16, 364.32,*

25 *364.335, 364.337, 364.3375, 364.3376, 364.602, 364.603, 364.604 FS. History—Revised 12-1-*

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1 | 68, Amended 3-31-76, Formerly 25-4.03, Amended 2-23-87, 3-4-92, 12-21-93, 3-10-96, 12-  
2 | 28-98, 7-5-00, 4-3-05, Repromulgated 5-8-05, Amended 11-20-08, \_\_\_\_\_.  
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1 **25-22.061 Stay Pending Judicial Review.**

2 (1) When the order being appealed involves the refund of moneys to customers or a decrease  
3 in rates charged to customers, the Commission shall, upon motion filed by the utility or  
4 company affected, grant a stay pending judicial proceedings. The stay shall be conditioned  
5 upon the posting of good and sufficient bond the posting of a corporate undertaking, or such  
6 other conditions as the Commission finds appropriate to secure the revenues collected by the  
7 utility subject to refund.

8 (2) Except as provided in subsection (1), a party seeking to stay a final or nonfinal order of the  
9 Commission pending judicial review may file a motion with the Commission, which has  
10 authority to grant, modify, or deny such relief. A stay pending review granted pursuant to this  
11 subsection may be conditioned upon the posting of a good and sufficient bond or corporate  
12 undertaking, other conditions relevant to the order being stayed, or both. In determining  
13 whether to grant a stay, the Commission may, among other things, consider:

- 14 (a) Whether the petitioner has demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits on appeal;  
15 (b) Whether the petitioner has demonstrated a likelihood of sustaining irreparable harm if the  
16 stay is not granted; and  
17 (c) Whether the delay in implementing the order will likely cause substantial harm or be  
18 contrary to the public interest if the stay is granted.

19 (3) When a stay is conditioned upon the posting of a bond, corporate undertaking, or other  
20 appropriate form of surety, the Commission shall at the time it grants the stay set the rate of  
21 interest to be paid by the utility or company pursuant to ~~subsection 25-4.114(4), F.A.C., for~~  
22 ~~telecommunication companies~~, subsection 25-6.109(4), F.A.C., for electric public utilities,  
23 subsection 25-7.091(4), F.A.C., for gas public utilities, and subsection 25-30.360(4), F.A.C.,  
24 for water and wastewater utilities in the event that the Court's decision requires a refund to  
25 customers.

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1 (4) Motions filed pursuant to this rule shall be heard by those Commissioners who were on the  
2 deciding panel for the order being appealed.

3 *Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1), 368.05(2) FS. Law Implemented 120.68(3),*  
4 *350.01(5), ~~364.01(4), 366.04(1)~~, 366.05(1), 366.06(1), 367.011(2), 367.081(2), 367.0814,*  
5 *367.121(1)(g), 368.05(2) FS. History—New 2-1-82, Formerly 25-22.61, Amended 6-27-10,*

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**25-24.505 Scope.**

~~This part applies to any person providing pay telephone service. As provided by Rules 25-4.002, 25-9.001 and 25-14.001, F.A.C., no provision of Chapter 25-4, 25-9, or 25-14, F.A.C., shall apply to pay telephone service companies, except the following: Rules 25-4.003 (Definitions), 25-4.0161 (Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies), 25-4.019 (Records and Reports in General), subsection 25-4.020(2) (Location and Preservation of Records), and 25-4.043, F.A.C. (Response to Commission Staff Inquiries).~~

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 350.115, 350.117, 364.01, 364.016, 364.02, 364.17, 364.18, 364.183, 364.185, 364.32, 364.337, 364.3375 FS. History—New 1-5-87, Amended 11-13-95, 2-1-99, Repealed\_\_\_\_\_.*

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1 **25-24.514 Cancellation of a Certificate.**

2 (1) The Commission's cancellation of a certificate shall be based on one or more of the  
3 following reasons:

4 ~~(a) Violation of the terms and conditions under which the authority was originally granted;~~

5 ~~(b) Violation of Commission rules or orders;~~

6 ~~(c) Violation of Florida Statutes; or~~

7 ~~(d) Failure to provide service for a period of six (6) months.~~

8 (2) If a certificated company desires to cancel its certificate, it shall request cancellation from  
9 the Commission in writing and shall provide a statement of intent and date to pay Regulatory  
10 Assessment Fees with its request.

11 (3) Cancellation of a certificate shall be ordered subject to the holder providing the  
12 information required by subsection (2).

13 *Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 350.127(1), 364.285 FS.*

14 *History—New 1-5-87, Amended 2-7-13, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.*

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1 **25-24.555 Scope and Waiver.**

2 ~~(1) This part applies to persons or companies who provide for sharing or resale of local~~  
3 ~~telecommunications service as defined in subsection 25-24.560(10), F.A.C.~~

4 ~~(2) To the extent these rules are inconsistent with provisions of Chapter 364, Florida Statutes,~~  
5 ~~regarding shared tenant service, companies subject to this Part are exempted from such~~  
6 ~~provisions or are subject to different requirements than otherwise prescribed for~~  
7 ~~telecommunications companies under the authority of Section 364.339, Florida Statutes.~~

8 ~~(3) A shared tenant service company may petition for exemption from applicable portions of~~  
9 ~~Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, or for application of different requirements than otherwise~~  
10 ~~prescribed for telecommunications companies by Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, under the~~  
11 ~~authority of Section 364.339, Florida Statutes.~~

12 *Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.01, 364.339 FS. History—New 1-*  
13 *28-91, Amended 7-29-97, 1-31-00, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.*

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1 **25-24.560 Terms and Definitions.**

2 For purposes of this Part, the definitions for the following terms apply:

3 (1) ~~“Alternative Access Vendor” (AAV) means any telecommunications company, as defined~~  
4 ~~in Section 364.337(6)(a), Florida Statutes.~~

5 (2) ~~“Agent” means one authorized to act on behalf of another.~~

6 (3) ~~“Competitive local exchange telecommunications company” (CLEC) means any company~~  
7 ~~as defined in Section 364.02(1), Florida Statutes.~~

8 (4) ~~“Company” means a shared tenant service company.~~

9 (5) ~~“Interexchange Company” (IXC) means any telecommunications company, as defined in~~  
10 ~~Section 364.02(6), Florida Statutes, which provides telecommunication service between~~  
11 ~~exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of individual local~~  
12 ~~exchange companies.~~

13 (6) ~~“Local Exchange Telecommunications Company” (LEC) means any telecommunications~~  
14 ~~company, as defined in Section 364.02(6), Florida Statutes.~~

15 (7) ~~“Local Service Area” or “Local Calling Area” means the area within which~~  
16 ~~telecommunications service is furnished to subscribers under a specific schedule of exchange~~  
17 ~~rates and within which calls may be completed without toll charges. A local service area may~~  
18 ~~include one or more exchange areas or portions of exchange areas.~~

19 (8) ~~“Pay telephone service company” means any telecommunications company, as defined in~~  
20 ~~Section 364.02(6), Florida Statutes, other than a Local Exchange Company, which provides~~  
21 ~~pay telephone service as defined in Section 364.335(3), Florida Statutes.~~

22 (9) ~~“Private Branch Exchange” (PBX) means a system in which trunk lines connect a~~  
23 ~~telephone company central office to a switching system which directs incoming calls to the~~  
24 ~~appropriate user.~~

25 (10) ~~“Shared tenant service” (STS) as defined in Section 364.339(1), Florida Statutes, means~~

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1 the provision of service which duplicates or competes with local service provided by an  
2 existing local exchange telecommunications company and is furnished through a common  
3 switching or billing arrangement to tenants by an entity other than an existing local exchange  
4 telecommunications company.

5 ~~(11) "Tenant" means any person entitled to occupy a premises under a rental or lease~~  
6 ~~agreement.~~

7 ~~(12) "Unaffiliated Entities" means those corporations, partnerships, proprietorships, or other~~  
8 ~~groups that control less than 50 percent of the stock of the entity which claims to be affiliated.~~

9 *Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.33, 364.335, 364.339 FS.*

10 *History—New 1-28-91, Amended 7-29-97, Repealed \_\_\_\_\_.*

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## Notice of Proposed Rule

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RULE NOS.:     RULE TITLES:  
25-4.002        Application and Scope  
25-4.003        Definitions

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 25-4.002, Florida Administrative Code, would be repealed as obsolete and unnecessary. Rule 25-4.003, Florida Administrative Code, would be amended in order to delete obsolete language and to add and update certain definitions consistent with statutory and rule changes.

Docket No. 140141-TP

SUMMARY: Rule 25-4.002, F.A.C., describes the scope of the rules in Parts I-XI of Chapter 25-4, F.A.C., and Parts X-XV of Chapter 25-24., F.A.C. Rule 25-4.003, F.A.C., defines terms addressed by Chapter 25-4, F.A.C.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2)(c), FS, and concluded that the rule appeal and rule amendment will not have an adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness, or small business and that telecommunications companies licensed to operate in Florida would likely benefit from the recommended rule changes.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 364.01, 364.02, 364.32, 364.335, 364.337, 364.3375, 364.3376 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kathryn G.W. Cowdery, Office of General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850)413-6216, [kcowdery@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:kcowdery@psc.state.fl.us).

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

#### 25-4.002 Application and Scope.

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.01, 364.335, 364.337, 364.3375, 364.3376 FS. History—Revised 12-1-68, Formerly 25-4.02, Amended 2-23-87, 1-8-95, 2-1-99, 4-3-05, 3-26-09, Repealed.*

#### 25-4.003 Definitions.

For the purpose of Chapter 25-4, F.A.C., the definitions of the following terms apply:

(1) "Access Line" or "~~Subscriber Line~~" or "~~Subscriber Loop~~". The circuit or channel between the demarcation point at the customer's premises and the serving end or class 5 central office.

(2) "~~Average Busy Season-Busy Hour Traffic~~". ~~The average traffic volume for the busy season-busy hours.~~

(3) "~~Billing Party~~". ~~Any entity that bills an end-user on its own behalf or on behalf of an originating party.~~

(4) "~~Busy Hour~~". ~~The continuous one-hour period of the day during which the greatest volume of traffic is handled in the office.~~

(5) "~~Busy Season~~". ~~The calendar month or period of the year (preferably 30 days but not to exceed 60 days) during which the greatest volume of traffic is handled in the office.~~

(2)(6) "Call." An attempted telephone message.

(3)(7) "Central Office." A location where there is an assembly of equipment that establishes the connections between subscriber access lines, trunks, switched access circuits, private line facilities, and special access facilities with the rest of the telephone network.

(4) "Certificate of Authority." Certificates received by all companies providing telecommunications services after July 1, 2011.

(5) "Certificate of Necessity." Certificate received by all incumbent local exchange companies, shared tenant service providers, alternative access vendors, competitive local exchange companies, and pay telephone service providers to provide telecommunication services prior to July 1, 2011.

(8) "Commission." The Florida Public Service Commission.

(6)(9) "Company," "Telecommunications Company," or "Telephone Company," or "Utility." These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean "telecommunications company" as defined in Section 364.02(14), F.S.

(10) "Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Company (CLEC)." Any company certificated by the commission to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Florida on or after July 1, 1995.

(11) "Completed call." A call which has been switched through an established path so that two-way conversation or data transmission is possible.

(12) "Disconnect" or "Disconnection." The dissociation or release of a circuit. In the case of a billable call, the end of the billable time for the call whether intentionally terminated or terminated due to a service interruption.

(13) "Drop or Service Wire." The connecting link that extends from the local distribution service terminal to the protector or telephone network interface device on the customer's premises.

(7)(14) "Exchange." A central office or group of central offices with the subscriber's stations and lines connected, forming a local system which furnishes means of telephonic intercommunication without toll charges between subscribers within a specified area. The entire telephone plant and facilities used in providing telephone service to subscribers located in an exchange area. An exchange may include more than one central office unit.

(15) "Exchange (Service) Area." The territory of a local exchange company (LEC) within which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

(16) "Extended Area Service." A type of telephone service whereby subscribers of a given exchange or area may complete calls to, and receive messages from, one or more other exchanges or areas without toll charges, or complete calls to one or more other exchanges or areas without toll message charges.

(17) "Foreign Exchange Service." A classification of LEC exchange service furnished under tariff provisions whereby a subscriber may be provided telephone service from an exchange other than the one from which he would normally be served.

(18) "Information Service." Telephone calls made to 900 or 976 type services, but does not include Internet services.

(19) "Intercept Service." A service arrangement provided by the telecommunications company whereby calls placed to an unequipped non-working, disconnected, or discontinued telephone number are intercepted by operator, recorder, or audio response computer and the calling party informed that the called telephone number is not in service, has been disconnected, discontinued, or changed to another number, or that calls are received by another telephone. This service is also provided in certain central offices and switching centers to inform the calling party of conditions such as system blockages, inability of the system to complete a call as dialed, no such office code, and all circuits busy.

(20) "Inter-office Call." A telephone call originating in one central office but terminating in another central office, both of which are in the same designated exchange area.

(21) "Interstate Toll Message." Those toll messages that do not originate and terminate within the same state.

(22) "Intertoll Trunk." A line or circuit between two toll offices, two end offices, or between an end office and toll office, over which toll calls are passed.

(23) "Intra-office Call." A telephone call originating and terminating within the same central office.

(24) "Intrastate Interexchange Company (IXC)." Any entity that provides intrastate interexchange telecommunications services.

(25) "Intrastate Toll Message." Those toll messages which originate and terminate within the same state.

~~(26) "Invalid Number." A number comprised of an unassigned area code number or a non-working central office code (NXX).~~

~~(27) "Large LEC." A LEC certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995, that had in excess of 100,000 access lines in service on July 1, 1995.~~

~~(28) "Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)" or "Market Area." A geographical area, which is loosely based on standard metropolitan statistical areas (SMSAs), within which a LEC may transport telecommunication signals.~~

~~(29) "Local Exchange Telecommunications Company (LEC)." Any telecommunications company, certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995, to provide local exchange telecommunications service.~~

~~(8)(30) "Local Provider (LP)." Any telecommunications company providing local telecommunications service, excluding pay telephone providers and call aggregators.~~

~~(9)(31) "Local Service Area," or "Local Calling Area." The area within which telecommunications telephone service is furnished subscribers under a specific schedule of rates and without toll charges. A LEC's local service area may include one or more exchange areas or portions of exchange areas.~~

~~(32) "Local Toll Provider (LTP)." Any entity providing intraLATA or intramarket area long distance telecommunications service.~~

~~(33) "Main Station." The principal telephone associated with each service to which a telephone number is assigned and which is connected to the central office equipment by a circuit or channel.~~

~~(10)(34) "Message." A completed telephone call.~~

~~(11) "Number Portability." Consumer's ability to change providers and still keep the same phone number.~~

~~(35) "Mileage Charge." A tariff charge for circuits and channels connecting other services that are auxiliary to local exchange service such as off premises extensions, foreign exchange and foreign central office services, private line services, and tie lines.~~

~~(36) "New Construction." New construction is the installation of facilities to serve unserved areas; new construction is not the rearrangement or repair of defective facilities to serve an existing area. Adding to or the rearrangement of existing facilities is not considered "new construction" unless an engineer work order is issued.~~

~~(37) "Normal Working Days." The normal working days for installation and construction shall be all days except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. The normal working days for repair service shall be all days except Sundays and holidays. Holidays shall be the days which are observed by each individual telephone company.~~

~~(38) "Optional Calling Plan." An optional service furnished under tariff provisions which recognizes the need of some subscribers for extended area calling without imposing the cost on the entire body of subscribers.~~

~~(39) "Originating Party." Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, including a telecommunications company or a billing clearinghouse, that provides any telecommunications service or information service to a customer or bills a customer through a billing party, except the term "originating party" does not include any entity specifically exempted from the definition of "telecommunications company" as provided in Section 364.02(14)(a) through (f), F.S.~~

~~(40) "Out of Service." The inability, as reported by the customer, to complete either incoming or outgoing calls over the subscriber's line. "Out of Service" shall not include:~~

~~(a) Service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy, or other network or switching capacity shortages;~~

~~(b) Interruptions caused by a negligent or willful act of the subscriber; and~~

~~(c) Situations in which a company suspends or terminates service because of nonpayment of bills, unlawful or improper use of facilities or service, or any other reason set forth in approved tariffs or Commission rules.~~

~~(41) "Outside Plant." The telephone equipment and facilities installed on, along, or under streets, alleys, highways, or on private rights-of-way between the central office and subscribers' locations or between central offices of the same or different exchanges.~~

~~(12)(42) "Pay Telephone Service Provider Company." Any telecommunications company that provides pay telephone service as defined in Section 364.3375, F.S.~~

~~(13)(43) "PC-Freeze." (Preferred Carrier Freeze) A service offered that restricts the customer's carrier selection until further notice from the customer.~~

~~(44) "Price regulated local exchange telecommunications company." Any local exchange telecommunications company certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995 that has elected to become subject to price regulation pursuant to Section 364.051, F.S.~~

~~(14)(45) "Provider." Any entity providing telecommunication service, excluding pay telephone providers and call aggregators (i.e., local, local toll, and toll providers).~~

~~(46) "Rate of return regulated local exchange telecommunications company." Any local exchange telecommunications company certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995 that has not elected to become subject to price regulation pursuant to Section 364.051, F.S.~~

~~(47) "Service Objective." A quality of service which is desirable to be achieved under normal conditions.~~

~~(48) "Service Standard." A level of service that a telecommunications company, under normal conditions, is expected to meet in its certificated territory as representative of adequate services.~~

~~(49) "Small LEC." A LEC certificated by the Commission prior to July 1, 1995, which had fewer than 100,000 access lines in service on July 1, 1995.~~

~~(15)(50) "Station." A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus so connected as to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.~~

~~(16)(51) "Subscriber" or "Customer." These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization, or governmental agency supplied with telecommunications communication service by a telecommunications company.~~

~~(52) "Subscriber Line." or "Subscriber Loop." See "Access Line."~~

~~(53) "Switching Center." Location at which telephone traffic, either local or toll, is switched or connected from one circuit or line to another. A local switching center may be comprised of several central office units.~~

~~(54) "Toll Connecting Trunk." A trunk that connects a local central office with its toll operating office.~~

~~(55) "Toll Message." A completed telephone call between stations in different exchanges for which message toll charges are applicable.~~

~~(56) "Toll Provider (TP)." Any entity providing interLATA long distance telecommunications service.~~

~~(57) "Traffic Study." The process of recording usage measurements which can be translated into required quantities of equipment.~~

~~(58) "Trouble Report." Any oral or written report from a subscriber or user of telephone service to the telephone company indicating improper function or defective conditions with respect to the operation of telephone facilities over which the telephone company has control.~~

~~(59) "Trunk." A communication channel between central office units or entities, or private branch exchanges.~~

~~(60) "Valid Number." A number for a specific telephone terminal in an assigned area code and working central office which is equipped to ring and connect a calling party to such terminal number.~~

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.01, 364.02, 364.16, 364.32, 364.335, 364.337, 364.3375, 364.3376, 364.602, 364.603, 364.604 FS. History—Revised 12-1-68, Amended 3-31-76, Formerly 25-4.03, Amended 2-23-87, 3-4-92, 12-21-93, 3-10-96, 12-28-98, 7-5-00, 4-3-05, Repromulgated 5-8-05, Amended 11-20-08, \_\_\_\_\_.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Beth Salak

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 12, 2014

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: Volume 40, Number 93, May 13, 2014

## Notice of Proposed Rule

### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

25-22.061 Stay Pending Judicial Review

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rule is amended to delete obsolete language relating to telecommunication companies.

Docket No. 140141-TP

SUMMARY: Rule 25-22.061, F.A.C., describes the procedure followed when an appellant seeks a stay pending judicial review in state court pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S. This rule is amended to delete reference to a repealed rule concerning telecommunication companies.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2)(c), F.S., and concluded that the rule amendment will not have an adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness, or small business and that telecommunications companies licensed to operate in Florida would likely benefit from the recommended rule changes.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

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RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), 368.05(2) FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 120.68(3), 350.01(5), 364.01(4), 366.04(1), 366.05(1), 366.06(1), 367.011(2), 367.081(2), 367.0814, 367.121(1)(g), 368.05(2) FS.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-22.061 Stay Pending Judicial Review.

(1) No change.

(2)(a) through (c) No change.

(3) When a stay is conditioned upon the posting of a bond, corporate undertaking, or other appropriate form of surety, the Commission shall at the time it grants the stay set the rate of interest to be paid by the utility or company pursuant to ~~subsection 25-4.114(4), F.A.C., for telecommunication companies,~~ subsection 25-6.109(4), F.A.C., for electric public utilities, subsection 25-7.091(4), F.A.C., for gas public utilities, and subsection 25-30.360(4), F.A.C., for water and wastewater utilities in the event that the Court's decision requires a refund to customers.

(4) No change.

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1), 368.05(2) FS. Law Implemented 120.68(3), 350.01(5), ~~364.01(4), 366.04(1), 366.05(1), 366.06(1), 367.011(2), 367.081(2), 367.0814, 367.121(1)(g), 368.05(2) FS. History—New 2-1-82, Formerly 25-22.61, Amended 6-27-10.~~*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Kathryn G.W. Cowdery

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: August 12, 2014

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: Volume 40, Number 93, May 13, 2014

## Notice of Proposed Rule

### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

#### **RULE NOS.:RULE TITLS:**

- 25-24.505 Scope
- 25-24.514 Cancellation of a Certificate
- 25-24.555 Scope and Waiver
- 25-24.560 Terms and Definitions

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** These rules are repealed as obsolete and unnecessary to implementation of Chapter 364, F.S.

Docket No. 140141-TP

**SUMMARY:** These rules have been rendered obsolete because of Legislative amendments to Chapter 364, F.S., and repeal and amendment of other Chapter 25-24, F.A.C., rules.

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:** The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC examined the factors required by Section 120.541(2)(c), F.S., and concluded that the rule repeals will not have an adverse impact on economic growth, business competitiveness, or small business and that telecommunications companies licensed to operate in Florida would likely benefit from the recommended rule changes.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: based upon the information contained in the SERC.

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**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** 350.127(2) FS.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 350.113, 350.115, 350.117, 350.127(1), 364.01, 364.016, 364.02, 364.17, 364.18, 364.183, 364.185, 364.285, 364.32, 364.33, 364.335, 364.337, 364.3375, 364.3376, 364.339 FS.

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#### **THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:**

##### **25-24.505 Scope.**

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 350.115, 350.117, 364.01, 364.016, 364.02, 364.17, 364.18, 364.183, 364.185, 364.32, 364.337, 364.3375 FS. History—New 1-5-87, Amended 11-13-95, 2-1-99, Repealed.*

##### **25-24.514 Cancellation of a Certificate.**

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 350.127(1), 364.285 FS. History—New 1-5-87, Amended 2-7-13, Repealed.*

##### **25-24.555 Scope and Waiver.**

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.01, 364.339 FS. History—New 1-28-91, Amended 7-29-97, 1-31-00, Repealed.*

##### **25-24.560 Terms and Definitions.**

*Rulemaking Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 364.33, 364.335, 364.339 FS. History—New 1-28-91, Amended 7-29-97, Repealed.*

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Beth Salak

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13, 2014

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES  
JUSTIFYING RULE

Rule 25-4.002, Scope, is repealed because it is obsolete and unnecessary to implementation of any sections of Chapter 364, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The language concerning the scope of individual “parts” of Chapter 25-4, F.A.C., is obsolete because the chapter is no longer divided into “parts,” and the Commission does not regulate shared tenant service companies, operator service provider companies and call aggregators, and alternative access vendor service providers. Further, the individual rules by their terms identify the providers subject to the rules, and therefore there is no need for a separate rule defining the scope of Chapter 25-4, F.A.C.

Rule 25-4.003, Definitions, is amended to update certain definitions and to delete terms that are no longer addressed in Chapter 25-4, F.A.C., due to statutory and rule changes.

Rule 25-22.061, Stay Pending Judicial Review, is amended to delete reference to repealed Rule 25-4.114, F.A.C., relating to telecommunication companies. The stay rule is no longer applicable to telecommunication companies due to statutory changes made by the Legislature in 2011.

Rule 25-24.505, Scope, is repealed because it is obsolete. This rule references Rules 25-4.019 and 25-4.043, F.A.C., which have been repealed. In addition, the rule is unnecessary to implementation of Chapter 364, F.S., because the rules in Chapters 25-4 and 25-24, F.A.C., make clear what type of provider is addressed by each rule, and, for this reason, there is no need for a separate rule defining the scope of Chapter 25-24, F.A.C.

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Rule 25-24.514, Cancellation of a Certificate, is repealed as being redundant of statutory language, obsolete, and unnecessary to implementation of Chapter 364, F.S.

Rule 25-24.555, Scope and Waiver, which applies to shared tenant service, is repealed as obsolete because the Commission no longer regulates shared tenant service.

Rule 25-24.560, Terms and Definitions, which applies to alternative access vendors, is repealed as obsolete because the Commission no longer regulates alternative access vendors.

#### STATEMENT ON FEDERAL STANDARDS

There are no federal standards for these rules.

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**DATE:** July 15, 2014  
**TO:** Kathryn G.W. Cowdery, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel  
**FROM:** C. Donald Rome, Jr., Public Utility Analyst II, Division of Economics *CR*  
**RE:** Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs for Proposed Amendments to Rules 25-4.002, 25-4.003, 25-22.061, 25-24.505, 25-24.514, 25-24.555, and 25-24.560, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

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The recommended rule repeals and revisions are intended to streamline regulations in the telecommunications industry. Five rules are recommended for repeal in their entirety as being obsolete and unnecessary: Rule 25-4.002, F.A.C., Application and Scope [telecommunications companies], Rule 25-24.505, F.A.C., Scope [pay telephone providers], Rule 25-24.514, F.A.C., Cancellation of a Certificate, Rule 25-24.555, F.A.C., Scope and Waiver [shared tenant service], and Rule 25-24.560, F.A.C., Terms and Definitions. Amendments to Rules 25-22.061, F.A.C., Stay Pending Judicial Review, and 25-4.003, F.A.C., Definitions, are being recommended in order to delete obsolete language referencing telecommunications companies and to add and update certain definitions consistent with statutory changes. As noted in the attached Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC), the recommended revisions would be applicable to 365 telecommunications companies.

It is anticipated that telecommunications companies may benefit from the recommended rule repeals and streamlining efforts. No workshop was requested in conjunction with the recommended rule revisions. No regulatory alternatives were submitted pursuant to Paragraph 120.541(1)(a), F.S. None of the impact/cost criteria established in Paragraph 120.541(2)(a), F.S., will be exceeded as a result of the recommended revisions.

cc: (Draper, Daniel, Dean, Beard, Casey, Salak, Cibula, SERC file)

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS  
Rules 25-4.002, 25-4.003, 25-22.061, 25-24.505, 25-24.514, 25-24.555, 25-24.560,  
F.A.C.

1. Will the proposed rule have an adverse impact on small business?  
[120.541(1)(b), F.S.] (See Section E., below, for definition of small business.)

Yes

No

If the answer to Question 1 is "yes", see comments in Section E.

2. Is the proposed rule likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in aggregate in this state within 1 year after implementation of the rule? [120.541(1)(b), F.S.]

Yes

No

If the answer to either question above is "yes", a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) must be prepared. The SERC shall include an economic analysis showing:

A. Whether the rule directly or indirectly:

(1) Is likely to have an adverse impact on any of the following in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after implementation of the rule?  
[120.541(2)(a)1, F.S.]

Economic growth Yes  No

Private-sector job creation or employment Yes  No

Private-sector investment Yes  No

(2) Is likely to have an adverse impact on any of the following in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after implementation of the rule?  
[120.541(2)(a)2, F.S.]

Business competitiveness (including the ability of persons doing business in the state to compete with persons doing business in other states or domestic markets) Yes  No

Productivity Yes  No

Innovation Yes  No

(3) Is likely to increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, in excess of \$1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule? [120.541(2)(a)3, F.S.]

Yes

No

Economic Analysis: Affected entities are likely to benefit from the recommended rule changes. A summary of the recommended rule revisions is included in the attached memorandum to Counsel.

B. A good faith estimate of: [120.541(2)(b), F.S.]

(1) The number of individuals and entities likely to be required to comply with the rule.

365.

(2) A general description of the types of individuals likely to be affected by the rule.

The affected entities are telecommunications companies licensed to operate in Florida.

C. A good faith estimate of: [120.541(2)(c), F.S.]

(1) The cost to the Commission to implement and enforce the rule.

None. To be done with the current workload and existing staff.

Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.

Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

(2) The cost to any other state and local government entity to implement and enforce the rule.

None. The rule will only affect the Commission.

Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.

Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

(3) Any anticipated effect on state or local revenues.

- None
- Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.
- Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

D. A good faith estimate of the transactional costs likely to be incurred by individuals and entities (including local government entities) required to comply with the requirements of the rule. "Transactional costs" include filing fees, the cost of obtaining a license, the cost of equipment required to be installed or used, procedures required to be employed in complying with the rule, additional operating costs incurred, the cost of monitoring or reporting, and any other costs necessary to comply with the rule.  
[120.541(2)(d), F.S.]

- None. The rule will only affect the Commission
- Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.
- Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

If the recommended rule revisions are adopted, the affected entities potentially may benefit from the rule repeals and streamlining efforts.

E. An analysis of the impact on small businesses, and small counties and small cities:  
[120.541(2)(e), F.S.]

(1) "Small business" is defined by Section 288.703, F.S., as an independently owned and operated business concern that employs 200 or fewer permanent full-time employees and that, together with its affiliates, has a net worth of not more than \$5 million or any firm based in this state which has a Small Business Administration 8(a) certification. As to sole proprietorships, the \$5 million net worth requirement shall include both personal and business investments.

- No adverse impact on small business.
- Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.
- Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

(2) A "Small City" is defined by Section 120.52, F.S., as any municipality that has an unincarcerated population of 10,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census. A "small county" is defined by Section 120.52, F.S., as any county that has an unincarcerated population of 75,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.

- No impact on small cities or small counties
- Minimal. Provide a brief explanation.
- Other. Provide an explanation for estimate and methodology used.

F. Any additional information that the Commission determines may be useful.  
[120.541(2)(f), F.S.]

- None.

Additional Information:

G. A description of any regulatory alternatives submitted and a statement adopting the alternative or a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule. [120.541(2)(g), F.S.]

- No regulatory alternatives were submitted.
- A regulatory alternative was received from
  - Adopted in its entirety.
  - Rejected. Describe what alternative was rejected and provide a statement of the reason for rejecting that alternative.