BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for a rate increase by UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF FLORIDA

DOCKET NO. 910980-TL ORDER NO. PSC-92-0098-PCO-TL ISSUED: 3/24/92

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME

By Order No. 25807, issued February 26, 1992 (the Order), the prehearing procedure was established for this docket. Specifically, the Order requires our staff to file direct testimony on March 19, 1992, and for the parties to file rebuttal testimony on March 25, 1992. The hearing is scheduled to commence on April 15, 1992. The Order also requires that all discovery be completed by April 6, 1992, unless authorized by the Prehearing Officer for good cause shown. On March 13, 1992, United Telephone Company of Florida (United) filed a Motion to Enlarge Time (the Motion).

In its Motion, United requests that it be given until April 3, 1992, to file rebuttal testimony to our staff's testimony. United also asks that it be allowed to defer taking a position, or to supplement a position previously taken, regarding any issue identified at the March 4, 1992, issue identification conference, until the deadline for filing the rebuttal testimony. United states that it did not receive OPC's list of issues until the second issue identification conference. United states that the conference was held on March 6, 1992, although the correct date is March 4, 1992. Notwithstanding, United had only until March 13, 1992, to file a prehearing statement. United contends that the brief period of time was insufficient to allow United to develop positions on those issues. United also asserts that it will be unable to commit to a position on the staff's issues until the staff's testimony is filed.

Upon review, I find that United's request is reasonable, under the circumstances. Therefore, I hereby grant United Telephone Company of Florida's Motion to Enlarge Time.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that United Telephone Company of Florida's Motion to Enlarge Time is hereby granted as set forth in the body of this Order.

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By ORDER of Commissioner Susan F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 24th day of MARCH 1992.

SUSAN F. CLARK, Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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.

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 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) 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 Records and Reporting, 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.