BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

KET NO. 950214-TP ER NO. PSC-95-1191-NOR-TP JED: September 21, 1995
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON JOE GARCIA JULIA L. JOHNSON DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, has initiated rulemaking to adopt amend Rule 25-4.115(2)(a) and (3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, relating to directory assistance for the disabled.

The attached Notice of Rulemaking will appear in the September 29, 1995 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly.

If timely requested, a hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Florida Public Service Commission 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 4, 1995 Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Written requests for hearing and written comments or suggestions on the rule must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, no later than October 20, 1995.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this $\underline{21st}$ day of $\underline{September}$, $\underline{1995}$.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records & Reporting

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 950214-TP

RULE TITLE:

RULE NO.:

Directory Assistance

25-4.115

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The current rule imposes a 50 call limit for non-chargeable local and Home Numbering Plan Area (HNPA) directory assisted calls made by disabled individuals. The purpose of the rule amendment would be to delete the 50-call limit on non-chargeable local and HNPA directory assistance calls, allowing unlimited, free directory assistance calls for those persons with qualified disabilities. The effect of the amended rule would be the elimination of economic barriers for access to telephone number information by persons with disabilities who are unable to use a telephone directory.

SUMMARY: The rule amendment will delete the 50-call limit on non-chargeable local and HNPA directory assistance calls made by the the disabled. There will be unlimited calling at no charge for directory assistance calls made from lines or trunks serving persons with certain disabilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 350.127, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 364.03, 364.04, F.S.

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, WITHIN 21

DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

HEARING: IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE,
A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 1:30 P.M., December 4, 1995.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THIS RULE AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT IS: Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE RULE IS:

25-4.115 Directory Assistance

- No Change.
- (2) Charges for calls within a local calling area or within a customer's Home Numbering Plan Area (HNPA) shall be at rates prescribed in the general service tariff of the local exchange company originating the call and shall be subject to the following:
- (a) There shall be no charge for <u>directory assistance calls</u> up to fifty calls per billing cycle from lines or trunks serving individuals with disabilities. As used in this rule subpart and subpart (3)(a) thereof, "disability" means, with respect to an individual A physical or mental impairment that prohibits a customer from using the telephone directory. The local exchange

excess of 50 within a billing cycle.

- (b) The same charge shall apply for calls within a local calling area and calls within an HNPA.
- (c) The tariff shall state the number of calls per billing month per individual line or trunk to the number designated for local directory assistance (i.e., 411, 311 or 611) for which no charges will apply. The local exchange company shall charge for each local directory assistance call in excess of this allowance. The charge shall not apply for calls from pay stations.
- (d) The local exchange company shall apply the charge for each call to the number designated for long distance directory assistance within the customer's HNPA (i.e., 1 + (904) 555-1212).
 - (3) No Change.

Specific Authority: 350.127, F.S.

Law Implemented: 364.03, 364.04, F.S.

History: New 6/12/86, Amended 6/4/90, 5/31/93, Amended _____

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Ann Shelfer

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSON(S) WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED: September 12, 1995.

If any person decides to appeal any decision of the Commission with respect to any matter considered at the rulemaking hearing, if held, a record of the hearing is necessary. The appellant must

ensure that a verbatim record, including testimony and evidence forming the basis of the appeal is made. The Commission usually makes a verbatim record of rulemaking hearings.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).