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TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (FORDHAM)

RE: DOCKET NO. 990694-TL - JOINT PETITION OF CITIZENS OF FLORIDA; ROBERT A. BUTTERWORTH, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS TO EXPAND LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PLAN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SO CUSTOMERS WITH EXISTING DEBTS TO LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES MAY NO LONGER BE DENIED LIFELINE SERVICE AS LONG AS THEY SUBSCRIBE TO TOLL BLOCKING SERVICE.

Attached is a **MEMORANDUM**, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages - 1)

CLF/anc Attachment cc: Division of Communications I: 990694mm.clf

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- DATE: July 8, 1999
- TO: PETITIONERS ALL FLORIDA LECS

FROM: C. LEE FORDHAM, STAFF COUNSEL 2 3.4.

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Please note that an informal meeting between Commission Staff, Petitioners, and all Florida LECs has been scheduled at the following time and place:

> Thursday, July 22, 1999 2:00 p.m. Room 362 Gerald L. Gunter Building 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida

To participate by telephone in the informal meeting, call the following number at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 22, 1999: non-suncom (850)921-6455 or suncom (850)291-6455.

The meeting will be limited to a discussion between Staff and intrested parties regarding the expansion of the Lifeline Assistance Plan. Attendance, however, is not required. If you have any questions about the meeting, please call Ann Marsh at (850)413-6554 or C. Lee Fordham at (850)413-6226.

cc: Division of Communications (Marsh)