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Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: June 20, 2006 Agenda Item 3, Docket Nos. 060172-EU and 060173-EU

Dear Chairman Edgar:

On behalf of Verizon Florida Inc. ("Verizon"), BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), Embarq Florida, Inc. ("Embarq") and Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel"), I request that the Commission defer consideration of Item 3 on its June 20, 2006 agenda, concerning proposed rules for placement and construction standards for electric facilities, until the following agenda conference on July 18, 2006. Deferring a vote on this item will allow time for Staff to conduct a workshop facilitating more participation by parties outside the electric industry who will be substantially affected by the proposed rules.

Staff previously has held two rule development workshops in the referenced dockets in which electric utilities participated, but many representatives of other affected industries did not as they were not invited by Staff to participate. Consequently, Verizon, BellSouth, Embarq and Alltel are concerned that the rules being proposed by Staff fail to take into account the interests of other affected industries, including the telecommunications industry.

Staff's recommendation acknowledges that Verizon, BellSouth and Embarq have raised concerns about the proposed rules and recommends that an additional Staff workshop and subsequent hearing be scheduled so that those concerns may be discussed. Staff also recommends, however, that the Commission propose the new rules in their current form before that workshop is held. Verizon, BellSouth, Embarq and Alltel respectfully submit that Staff should hold its workshop before the rules are proposed, not afterward.

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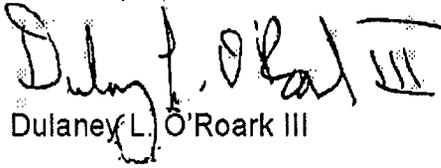
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If the Commission proposes the rules as currently recommended by Staff, Verizon, BellSouth, Embarq and Alltel will have no choice but to seek a hearing on them. The far more productive course would be to hold a workshop in which there would be an opportunity to seek modification of the proposed rules so they address the concerns of members of all affected industries. Doing so, at the least, would provide an opportunity to narrow disputed issues and might obviate the need for a hearing altogether.

For these reasons, Verizon, BellSouth, Embarq and Alltel respectfully request that the Commission defer consideration of Item 3 until its July 18, 2006 agenda.

Sincerely,

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