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**Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. Files Supplement to its Petition
For Waiver of Parts 61 and 69 of the Commission's Rules**

Pleading Cycle Established

CCB/CPD No. 99-36

COMMENTS: March 9, 2001

REPLY COMMENTS: March 19, 2001

On February 12, 2001, Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. (PRTC) filed a supplement to its petition seeking to remain subject to rate-of-return regulation or to further extend the required time for its conversion to price cap regulation beyond July 1, 2001, as ordered by the Commission on June 2, 2000. The Commission has already granted PRTC two extensions of time while continuing to weigh the merits of its original petition filed on December 10, 1999. PRTC cites recent and proposed regulatory changes governing universal service, price cap carriers and rate-of-return carriers in support of its current petition.

In this petition, PRTC renews the request it made in its earlier petition for waiver of section 61.41 of the Commission's rules and any other provisions necessary to remain subject to rate-of-return regulation and in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Common Line Pool. PRTC also reiterates its request that if the Commission does not grant this waiver and requires PRTC to convert to price cap regulation, it should grant a limited waiver of section 54.303(a) of the Commission's rules to allow PRTC to continue receiving Long Term Support (LTS) for a transitional period. Alternatively, PRTC requests an additional extension of time before it might be required to convert to price cap regulation to allow time for review of rate-of-return access charge reform, known as the Multi-Association Group (MAG) plan, presently under consideration.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments no later than March 9, 2001. Reply comments may be filed no later than March 19, 2001. When filing comments, please reference the internal file number: CCB/CPD 99-36.

An original and four copies of all comments and reply comments must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Services (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at 1231 - 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., T.W - A225, Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information, contact Marvin Sacks, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-2017.

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