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SNET PETITIONS THE COMMISSION FOR EXPEDITED WAIVER OF PART 69 OF THE RULES

Pleading Cycle Established

COMMENTS: September 6, 1996

REPLY COMMENTS: September 23, 1996

On August 1, 1996, Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) filed a petition for expedited waiver of Sections 69.110, 69.111 and 69.112 of its Rules to allow SNET to establish new rate elements to offer its customers a Switched Access Discount Plan ("Commitment Plan"), as an optional payment plan.

SNET states that customers electing this optional plan will receive guaranteed declining switched usage rates over a five year period for the following access rate elements: 1) Carrier Common Line Charges, (originating and terminating); 2) Local Switching; 3) Information Surcharge; and 4) Switched Transport Interconnection Charge. SNET contends that this plan will meet its customers needs for lower access rates and rate stability for access services. SNET further contends that this waiver will enable it to offer a volume and term discount plan just as its competitors are able to do in Connecticut.

SNET contends that the availability of their Commitment Discount Plan will increase the range of service options available to customers, and will encourage competition by ensuring economic pricing for its switched access services. SNET concludes that it will be in the public interest to allow it to offer their Commitment Discount Plan because it will provide more choices for customers and will be available to all customers, regardless of size.

Interested parties may file comments on SNET's petition no later than **September 6, 1996**. Replies must be filed by **September 23, 1996**. When filing comments and/or replies please reference the internal file number: **CCB/CPD 96-22**.

An original and four copies of all comments and replies must be filed in accordance with Section 1.51 (c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be filed with International Transcription Services (ITS), the Commission's duplicating contractor, at its office at 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037 and one copy with the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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