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North Pittsburgh Telephone Company, North State Telephone Company, and Rock Hill Telephone Company File Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver of Sections 61.39 and 69.3 of Commission Rules

Pleading Cycle Established

COMMENTS: March 12, 1996

REPLY COMMENTS: March 19, 1996

On January 16, 1996, North Pittsburgh Telephone Company, North State Telephone Company, and Rock Hill Telephone Company (Petitioners) filed a "Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver of Sections 61.39 and 69.3 of the Commission's Rules" (the Petition).

Petitioners, mid-sized Class B average schedule local exchange carriers (LECs), assert that because they are not subset three LECs serving 50,000 or fewer access lines in a study area as determined by Section 36.611(a)(8) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 36.611 (a)(8), they are unable to take advantage of any incentive regulation available to other average schedule companies. Petitioners seek a waiver of the Commission's rules to allow them to adopt incentive regulation under the small company rules, as set forth in Section 61.39 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.39, and thus file tariffs based on their average schedule settlements. Petitioners believe that the public interest would be served by granting the requested waiver, because the resulting rates will be lower than those Petitioners currently charge.

Interested parties may file comments regarding the Petition no later than March 12, 1996. Reply comments may be filed no later than March 19, 1996.

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, Tariff Division, Room 518, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information, contact Gregory M. Cooke, Tariff Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1530.

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