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COMMISSION SEEKS COMMENT ON "JOINT PETITION FOR A PARTIAL STAY AND FOR IMPOSITION OF AN ACCOUNTING MECHANISM PENDING JUDICIAL REVIEW" FILED BY SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, PACIFIC BELL, AND NEVADA BELL

CC Docket No. 96-262 CC Docket No. 94-1

On June 3, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell (collectively, the "petitioners") filed a joint petition for a partial stay of the Commission's First Report and Order (FCC 97-158, rel. May 16, 1997) in Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262 and of the Commission's Fourth Report and Order (FCC 97-159, rel. May 21, 1997) in Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 94-1. The petitioners seek a stay of the portions of these orders that require them to (1) exclude unbundled network elements from Part 69 access charges: (2) reduce their price cap indices (PCIs) to reflect the completion of the amortization of equal access non-capitalized costs; (3) reduce their PCIs by a new productivity factor of 6.5 percent; and (4) reduce their PCIs due to the use of a 5.3 percent productivity factor in 1996, instead of the new 6.5 percent factor.

In light of the petitioners' request for expeditious action by the Commission, interested parties may file comments in support of or in opposition to this petition on or before **June 9**, 1997. All filings should refer to the pleading as: "Southwestern Bell, Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell Joint Petition for Partial Stay, CC Docket Nos. 96-262 and 94-1." One original and five copies of all comments must be sent to William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, two copies should be sent to the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 1919 M Street, N.W., Suite 518, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of documents filed with the Commission, including the petition, may be obtained from the International Transcription Service, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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