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Docket No. 3

In Re: **Telecommunications Non-Docket**

ORDER ON PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSION REVIEW OF NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

I. Background

Since the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") became law, the Georgia Public Service Commission has issued a number of orders establishing and amending its procedures for review of negotiated interconnection agreements.

II. Staff Recommendation

In an effort to streamline the process for approval of negotiated agreements and to consolidate the procedures into one Commission order, Staff recommends that the Commission rescind all prior procedures related to negotiated interconnection agreements and adopt the following procedures:

1. Negotiated interconnection agreements shall be filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary within forty-five (45) days of the date of the last party's signature to the agreement.

2. The incumbent local exchange carrier is the party responsible for filing interconnection agreements negotiated between itself and any other carrier with the Executive Secretary.

3. Any entity and/or person opposing a negotiated interconnection agreement must promptly file a request for Commission rejection and clearly demonstrate that such a review is necessary pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act.

4. If no requests for Commission rejection have been filed or the request(s) do not meet the standards of Section 252 of the Act, the negotiated agreement will proceed through Telecommunications Committee and Administrative Session for approval. If requests for Commission rejection meet the standards of Section 252 of the Act or the Commission determines that it is appropriate, the Commission will consider setting the matter down for a hearing. After the hearing, the Commission will then determine whether the negotiated interconnection agreement should be rejected pursuant to the provisions of the Act.

III. Commission Decision

The Commission adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that negotiated interconnection agreements shall be filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary within forty-five (45) days of the date of the last party's signature to the agreement.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the incumbent local exchange carrier is the party responsible for filing interconnection agreements negotiated between itself and any other carrier with the Executive Secretary.

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ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 2nd day of December 2025.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

12-4-25
DATE

Jason Shaw
Chairman

12-4-25
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