BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-204-C - ORDER NO. 2005-487

SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

IN RE: Request for Extended Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head Area to Hilton Head Island.	)	ORDER GRANTING
	)	OFFICE OF
	)	REGULATORY STAFF'S
	)	REQUEST FOR
	)	EXTENSION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the August 31, 2005, request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to extend the time to file investigation results for a period of forty-five (45) days. In the present docket, the Commission issued Order No. 2005-382 on July 19, 2005, requesting that the ORS investigate the costs of providing an Extended Calling Area from the Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island and any possible alternatives to extended area calling. Further, the Commission requested ORS to file its report and recommendation with the Commission within sixty (60) days of the issuance of Order No. 2005-382.

ORS states that as part of its investigation, ORS requested Hargray and Bluffton Telephone Companies to provide information as to the costs associated with providing the extended area calling service in question. Attached to ORS's extension request, is a letter addressed to the ORS advising the ORS that Hargray needs an additional thirty (30) days to provide the requested information to the ORS. ORS asserts that it would be

unable to comply with the sixty (60) day deadline set forth in Order No. 2005-382 if Hargray is allowed an additional thirty (30) days to supply the requested information to the ORS. ORS states its belief that the cost analysis by Hargray is necessary to the investigation and will provide a better evaluation of the issues involved. To evaluate the analysis and determine the feasibility of any alternatives to extended area calling, the ORS advises that it would need additional time, and therefore, the ORS respectfully requests a forty-five (45) day extension to file the results of its investigation of the proposed extended calling area.

We have examined the ORS's request and the attached letter from Hargray addressed to the ORS, and we find the request of the ORS reasonable and that the request should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Office of Regulatory Staff's request for a forty-five (45) day extension of the time set forth in Order No. 2005-382 in which to file the ORS's investigation results is granted.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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