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Report on Long-Term Number Portability Costs of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

CC Docket No. 99-35

On May 3-7, 1999, the Common Carrier Bureau's (Bureau) Accounting Safeguards Division performed a field investigation in connection with the investigation by the Bureau's Competitive Pricing Division of the long-term number portability (LNP) costs claimed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for recovery in its local number portability tariff filing with the Commission. The staff-level report generated from the field investigation performed by the Accounting Safeguards Division has been placed in the record for this proceeding.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has requested confidential treatment, pursuant to sections 0.457(d), 0.459(b) and 0.459(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457(d), 0.459(b) and 0.459(c), of the data produced to the Accounting Safeguards Division and which forms the basis of the staff report. The request is accompanied by a good faith showing that the material should be accorded confidential treatment. We find that the information produced by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company contains detailed cost information, commercial and financial information, vendor-specific confidential information, and other competitively sensitive information that is entitled to confidential treatment under our rules. Accordingly, because the staff report generated from this confidential information may contain material subject to confidential treatment, parties interested in inspecting and copying the report must comply with the procedures set forth in the Bureau's order, addressing disclosure of confidential material. *See* In the Matter of Long-Term Telephone Number Portability Tariff Filings, CC Docket No. 95-116, Order, DA 99-128 (Com. Pric. Div., Jan 8, 1999).

The staff report is available for inspection and copying at the Competitive Pricing Division, 445-12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A226, Washington, D.C. 20554, by appointment only. An executed copy of the relevant protective agreement, signed by the requesting party and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, must be submitted to the Competitive Pricing Division prior to any inspection or copying of the staff report.

Appointments to inspect and copy the staff report may be made by contacting Geneva Butler, Competitive Pricing Division, (202) 418-1559. For further information, contact Kris Monteith or Janet Sievert, Competitive Pricing Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-1520, TTY (202) 418-0484.

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