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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

FLORIDA CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ASSOCIATION, INC.; COMCAST
CABLEVISION OF PANAMA CITY, INC.;
MEDIACOM SOUTHEAST, L.L.C.; and COX
COMMUNICATIONS GULF COAST, L.L.C.;
et. al.

Complainants,

v.

GULF POWER COMPANY,

Respondent.

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To: The Honorable Richard L. Sippel
Chief Administrative Law Judge

UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE INITIAL PROCEDURAL DEADLINES

Complainants and Respondent, in accordance with Section 1.205 of the FCC's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ jointly move to continue – by 30 days – the procedural deadlines established by Orders dated September 30, 2004 and October 1, 2004. As grounds for this motion, Complainants and Respondent say the following:

1. The FCC released its Hearing Designation Order in this matter on September 27, 2004.
2. On September 30 and October 1, the Chief Administrative Law Judge released two procedural orders, which set the following deadlines/schedule:
 - November 5, 2004 – deadline to submit proposed Procedural Schedule;

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.205.

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- November 5, 2004 – deadline to submit Preliminary Statements on Alternative Cost Methodology; and
- November 9, 2004 – first Prehearing Conference.

3. Complainants and Respondent request that these deadlines be continued by 30 days, due to extraordinary circumstances facing both Complainants and Respondent.

4. On September 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan hit northwest Florida as a Category 3 storm, with sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. The storm significantly impacted the vast majority of the parties' service areas. The most densely populated service area (Pensacola, Florida) was the hardest hit.

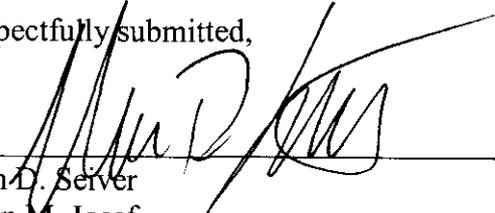
5. The core business operations of the parties have been severely disrupted since the storm. In particular, representatives of Respondent Gulf Power Company directly involved in this case (Power Delivery) have been, and remain, devoted solely to restoring electricity in northwest Florida and repairing damage to poles and related facilities. The same is true with respect to Complainant cable companies' restoration of cable service.

6. Given these circumstances, both the Complainants and the Respondent request that the procedural deadlines established in the September 30 and October 1 orders be continued for 30 days. Should this request be granted, the parties would submit the procedural schedule and their preliminary statements on alternative cost methodologies by 2:00 p.m. December 6, 2004, and the prehearing conference would be held no earlier than the week of December 6, 2004.

7. The Enforcement Bureau has advised that it has no opposition to this requested extension.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Complainants and Respondent respectfully request that the procedural dates established in the Orders dated September 30 and October 1, 2004, be extended by thirty (30) days, and that the prehearing conference be rescheduled no earlier than the week of December 6, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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