STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 05-C-0616 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Examine Issues Related to the Transition to Intermodal Competition in the Provision of Telecommunications Services.

PROCEDURAL RULING

(Issued August 29, 2005)

JEFFREY E. STOCKHOLM, Administrative Law Judge:

On August 22, 2005, Staff of the Department of Public Service filed a request to extend the deadline for filing its white paper from September 12, 2005 to September 21, 2005. The active parties were advised by e-mail on August 24, 2005 that responses to or comments on the Staff request must be served by close-of-business on Friday, August 25, 2005.

No objections to the Staff request were received, but the New York State Telecommunications Association, New York State Consumer Protection Board, CompTel, et al., (Joint Comments), AT&T, Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky, and the New York Coalition of Rural Independent Telephone Companies, all requested a concomitant delay in the October 12 deadline for filing comments on Staff's white paper.

As no party objected to either of the delays requested and as the delays are, in my view, of short enough duration not to interfere with the schedule established by the Commission, the parties' requests are granted. The case schedule as amended is:

September 21 - Staff White Paper

October 21 - Comments on White Paper

As the parties are aware, the process is designed to bring the proceeding to the Commission for resolution in December; and, while the parties desire for more time can be accommodated in this instance, any further delay will jeopardize that schedule. Accordingly, further requests for extensions should be directed to the Secretary.