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DATE: June 23, 2006

RE: STAFF'S RESPONSE TO THE ARIZONA LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLY WITH DECISION NO. 67941 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION GENERIC INVESTIGATION FOR ADOPTING EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR LIFELINE AND LINK-UP AND CERTIFICATION, VERIFICATION AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS (DOCKET NO. T0000A-05-0380)

On June 19, 2006, Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association Members: Arizona Telephone Company, Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains dba Frontier Citizens Utilities Rural, Copper Valley Telephone, Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc., Navajo Communications Company, Inc., South Central Utah Telephone Association, Southwestern Telephone Company, Table Top Telephone Company, and Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (collectively, the "ALECA Members") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for Extension of Time to Comply with Decision No. 67941 ("Motion") for certain compliance items due on June 21, 2006.

Background

On June 21, 2005, the Commission issued Decision No. 67941 adopting the new Federal Communications Commission's guidelines on addressing changes to the Lifeline and Link-up programs in Arizona for all Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETC"). The conditions include, among other things, that Arizona ETCs file a report with the Commission within one (1) year from the effective date of the Order which discusses the outreach programs implemented by the carrier and their impact on subscribership levels.

By its Motion, the ALECA Members are requesting a 30-day extension of time to comply, or until July 21, 2006 to file the required report regarding their outreach programs. The ALECA Members request this additional time to review and compile the information about the effectiveness of their outreach program and to finalize their reports.

Recommendations

Based upon the ALECA Members request for a 30-day extension to comply with outreach programs report pursuant to Decision No. 67941, Staff recommends the ALECA Members Motion be granted.

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