

By Representatives Clemons and Merchant

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to telecommunications network  
3           access services; amending s. 364.163, F.S.;  
4           revising criteria for reducing certain access  
5           rates under certain circumstances; providing an  
6           effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 364.163,  
11 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12           364.163 Network access services.--For purposes of this  
13 section, "network access service" is defined as any service  
14 provided by a local exchange telecommunications company to a  
15 telecommunications company certificated under this chapter or  
16 licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to access  
17 the local exchange telecommunications network, excluding the  
18 local interconnection arrangements in s. 364.16 and the resale  
19 arrangements in s. 364.161. Each local exchange  
20 telecommunications company subject to s. 364.051 shall  
21 maintain tariffs with the commission containing the terms,  
22 conditions, and rates for each of its network access services.

23           (6) Any local exchange telecommunications company with  
24 less than 3 million basic local telecommunications service  
25 access lines in service on July 1, 1995,~~whose current~~  
26 ~~intrastate switched access rates are higher than its~~  
27 ~~interstate switched access rates in effect on December 31,~~  
28 ~~1994,~~ shall reduce its intrastate switched access rates to the  
29 level in effect on March 1, 1997, for those local  
30 telecommunications companies with more than 3 million basic  
31 local telecommunications service access lines in service on

1 ~~July 1, 1995~~ by 5 percent annually beginning ~~October 1, 1996~~.  
2 ~~Any such company shall be relieved of this requirement if it~~  
3 ~~reduces such rates by a greater percentage by the relevant~~  
4 ~~date or earlier, taking into account any reduction made~~  
5 ~~pursuant to Florida Public Service Commission Order No. PSC~~  
6 ~~94-0172-FOF-TL. Upon reaching parity between intrastate and~~  
7 ~~1994 interstate switched access rates, no further reductions~~  
8 ~~shall be required.~~ Any telecommunications company whose  
9 intrastate switched access rate is reduced by this subsection  
10 shall decrease its customer long distance rates by the amount  
11 necessary to return the benefits of such reduction to its  
12 customers.

13 (7) Telecommunications company intrastate switched  
14 access ~~and customer long distance~~ rate reductions shall become  
15 effective on July 1, 1997 ~~October 1 of each relevant year~~.  
16 Rate decreases proposed in tariff revisions filed by the  
17 telecommunications companies with the commission shall be  
18 presumed valid and become effective on July 1, 1997 ~~October 1~~  
19 ~~of each relevant year~~.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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22 HOUSE SUMMARY

23 Revises criteria for reducing intrastate switched access  
24 rates for specified companies. See bill for details.  
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