

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by subscribers) DOCKET NO. [REDACTED]
of the Groveland exchange for)
extended area service (EAS) to) FILED: MARCH 18, 1996
the Orlando, Winter Garden, and)
Windermere exchanges.)

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-95-1158-PCO-TL, as subsequently modified, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its prehearing statement, as follows:

- A. All Known Witnesses: Staff does not intend to sponsor any witnesses at this time.
- B. All Known Exhibits: The only exhibit that Staff has thus far identified is United Telephone Company of Florida's traffic study, filed April 18, 1995, which has been designated as Document No. 03811-95. Staff reserves the right to identify other exhibits for the purpose of cross examination.
- C. Staff's Statement of Basic Position:

There is not a sufficient community of interest to justify nonoptional EAS as defined in the Commission's rules. There appears to be a sufficient community of interest to justify an alternative toll plan between Groveland and the Windermere, Winter Garden, and Orlando exchanges.

D.-G. Staff's Positions on the Issues:

ACK	<u>ISSUE 1:</u>	Is there a sufficient community of interest from the Groveland exchange to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and Windermere exchanges to justify surveying for nonoptional EAS as defined in the Commission's rules, or implementing an alternative interLATA toll plan?
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CMO	<u>STAFF:</u>	There is not a sufficient community of interest to justify surveying for nonoptional EAS as defined in the Commission's rules. There appears to be a sufficient community of interest to justify an alternative toll plan between Groveland and Orlando; however, to avoid
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"leap-frogging," Windermere and Winter Garden should be included.

ISSUE 2: What other community of interest factors should be considered in determining if either an optional or nonoptional toll alternative should be implemented on these routes?

STAFF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: If a sufficient community of interest is found on any of these routes, what is the economic impact of each plan on the customer and the company (summarize in chart form and discuss in detail)?

- a) EAS with 25/25 plan and regrouping;
- b) InterLATA toll alternative plan; and
- c) Other (specify)

STAFF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Should subscribers be required to pay an additive as a prerequisite to surveying for extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan? If so, how much of an additive is required and how long should it last?

STAFF: If the Commission determines that EAS is appropriate, an additive should be included for purposes of surveying customers. No position on how long the additive should be in place.

ISSUE 5: If a sufficient community of interest is found, what are the appropriate rates and charges for the plan to be implemented on these routes?

STAFF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 6: If extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan is determined to be appropriate, should the customers be surveyed?

STAFF: If the Commission determines that EAS with an additive is appropriate, the subscribers should be surveyed. If the Commission determines that an alternative toll plan is appropriate, no survey is required.

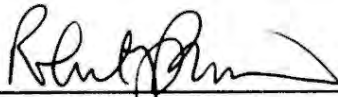
H. Stipulations

Staff is not aware of any issues that have been stipulated at this time.

I. Pending Motions:

Staff is not aware of any pending motions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE


I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the Commission Staff's prehearing statement, in the above-referenced case, has been furnished by U.S. Mail, this 18th day of March, 1996, to the following:

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