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March 25, 1999

Re: Docket No. 990223-TL
Request for Review of Proposed Numbering Plan Relief for the 941 Area Code

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please find enclosed an original and fifteen copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Prehearing Statement for filing in the above matter. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at 813-483-2617.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for Review of Proposed)
Numbering Plan Relief for the)
941 Area Code)
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Docket No. 990223-TL
Filed: March 25, 1999

GTE FLORIDA INCORPORATED'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

GTE Florida Incorporated (GTEFL) files its Prehearing Statement in accordance with Commission Rule 25-22.038.

A. Witnesses

Charles M. Scobie will be GTEFL's witness on all matters in this docket.

B. Exhibits

Exhibit CMS-1 (dialing patterns associated with relief alternatives) is attached to Mr. Scobie's Direct Testimony. GTEFL reserves the right to use or introduce additional exhibits at the hearing or other appropriate points.

C. GTEFL's Basic Position

GTEFL believes the Commission should approve the 941 area code relief plan that best meets the needs of the majority of affected subscribers. GTEFL urges the Commission to act swiftly and uniformly in this and the two other, related dockets concerning Ft. Meade and Englewood, particularly now that the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) has placed the 941 NPA in extreme jeopardy status.

D., E., F., G. GTEFL's Specific Positions

GTEFL believes the issues identified for resolution in this case are mixed questions of fact, law, and policy. GTEFL's positions follow.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the proposed geographic split plan for the 941 area code relief, and if not, what relief plan should the Commission approve?

GTEFL's Position: The Commission should approve the relief plan that best meets the needs of the majority of affected subscribers, whether it is the proposed geographic split approved by the industry or another option.

Issue 2: What implementation issues, if any, should be addressed by the Commission?

GTEFL's Position: The Commission should consider the changes in dialing patterns associated with the various options and it should avoid designating a new area code that is confusingly similar to the existing one. The 241 code, for instance, would lead to an unusually high number of misdialed calls and customer confusion.

H. Stipulated Issues

GTEFL is unaware of any stipulations at this time.

I. Pending Matters

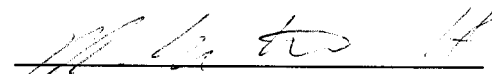
GTEFL, Sprint, Charlotte County and Sarasota County have moved the Commission to consolidate this proceeding with the Ft. Meade and Englewood Dockets (numbers 981941-TL and 990184-TL, respectively). GTEFL urges the Commission to grant that motion.

J. Procedural Requirements

To the best of its knowledge, GTEFL can comply with all requirements set forth in the procedural order in this case.

Respectfully submitted on March 25, 1999.

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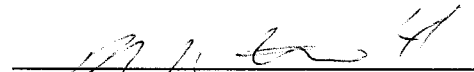


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of GTE Florida Incorporated's Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 990223-TL were sent via overnight delivery(*) on March 24, 1999 or U. S. mail(**) on March 25, 1999 to the parties on the attached list.



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