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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

Docket No. 990223-TL

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY'S AMENDMENT TO PREHEARING STATEMENT

(a) Witnesses

5. Charlotte County reserves the right to call additional witnesses at the hearing to address matters or issues that may arise as this case progresses.

(b) Exhibits

Charlotte County reserves the right to use or introduce exhibits at the hearing or as needed to assist in presenting its case.

(c) Basic Position

1. 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?

Charlotte County's Position: No. The proposed split of the 941 area code will be extremely detrimental to the citizens, businesses, and government of Charlotte County, especially the Englewood community. A preferred alternative is to split the 941 area code into more than two sectors, thereby delaying further area code splits for a longer period of time. Instead of using additional area codes for overlays, use them to create smaller sectors for each area code. For example, combine Charlotte, Sarasota, and DeSoto (or Manatee) Counties into one three-county sector. If Charlotte County must be split, then move the southern dividing line for the new 941 sector to the southern area of Charlotte County (south of Punta Gorda), where there is less growth and development.

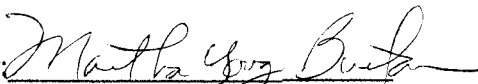
2. ISSUE 2: What implementation issues, if any, should be addressed by the Commission?

Charlotte County's Position: The Commission should consider the affected counties' current population centers as well as those counties' state-mandated comprehensive plans, the existence of available infrastructure to serve any planned development, state and local preservation areas, and the demographics and calling patterns of the residents and businesses in the affected areas. These factors affect usage and demand for numbers at least as much as (and perhaps more than) the

locations of central offices or the availability of lines and equipment. The Commission should also address how large groups of numbers are assigned to the various service providers and whether there may be large quantities of unassigned numbers that could be brought back into the available pool of numbers for reassignment, thereby lengthening exhaust periods. NPA Guidelines state that all affected parties should be included in the planning effort, and that the choice of relief methods is a local decision.

Respectfully submitted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1999.

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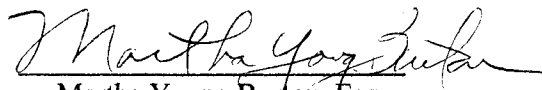
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