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PRE-HEARING TESTIMONY

This is a notice affirming the Florida Public Service Commission's proposal to ask for conservation measures, specifically consecutive numeration. Not being an attorney, but being a realtor, I am expressing my bias for the people. And having family members in the cable and telecommunication industry, I have a more advanced knowledge than the "layman- Florida citizen" and would like to make a few points why we cannot continue, as business as usual, with the industry's motif for doing business.

The utilization studies the Florida PSC has been asking for the last 1 1/2 yrs. are informative, however, for land-based carriers, such as GTE, these numbers might be inflated. For example, GTE has 10,000 numbers on a switch. It assigns 6,000 of these numbers initially, but 2,000 numbers are "downgraded", or disconnected. You and I would think that GTE has 4,000 live, or operational numbers. However, utilization studies would show 6,000 numbers!

Lines are turned off in the field, but not at the switch. A "disconnected" number still has a dial tone. You try to dial, and a recording comes on and directs you to a message about new service. Utilization studies, then are an inflated measurement, and are by no means accurate. Our interpretation of "live" numbers would be different from GTE, or a land based company.

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Consequitive numeration will be vehemently argued against by the telecommunications industry for two reasons. The reason that is most important, of course, is for big business. The reason you have 1000 block pools of numbers that are contaminated is because, numbers making words: HOT-MAMA (468-6262) are vanity numbers big businesses like and pay more for. So, the "cream" is taken out of the oreo cookie. Would you want a contaminated 1000 block number if it was thrown back in the pool? Also, many numbers are reserved for big business, so they have a sequential numbering with their existing numbers. It is not unusual for a land based company to give a big business 500 numbers, of which will go through 150 lines. They will be charged the full amount for 150 numbers, however the other 350 numbers would be charged \$10-\$20 a month. How many of us would like 3 numbers ringing through one line, and only pay full price for one number?

The biggest argument the telecommunications industry has with consequitive numeration is that 0,1,8,9 numbers in the 4th place of a 7-digit number would inconvenience existing equipment for say, hot~~els~~is. When GTE did 10-digit overlay in certain areas of Florida, equipment for burglar alarms had 7- digit capabilities. Security phones on condo buildings and deed restricted subdivisions were old and did not hold 10 digit numbers. This did not keep them from inconveniencing the "little people" who had to go out and buy new equipment.

I see a jurisdictional problem going on inbetween "big Daddy" FCC giving more control to states, and the industry created North American Numbering Code Administrator being asked to have jurisdiction by the industry. The telecommunications industry, in one breath, cannot fight the FCC when it wanted to set rates federally- asking for state by state rating review, Then try to exclude themselves from state to state control. The NAN code says the numbers are the public's numbers, let's not forget that.

In closing, let me say once again, I am a realtor. Making money with the phone and communicating with people is my life. And my customers, who are my customers for life, expect me to have answers I did not have, before I became involved. Consequitive numeration is the best measurement of usage for numbers we presently have now.

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