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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Establishment of a Statewide)
Emergency Area Code Relief Plan)
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Docket No. 990373-TP
Filed: June 9, 1999

**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF FLORIDA
CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION**

Florida Cable Telecommunications Association (FCTA), pursuant to Order No. PSC-99-0761-PCO-TP and the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) Staff's May 10, 1999 Memorandum to Interested Persons, files its Prehearing Statement and states:

I. BASIC POSITION

The Commission should approve the Stipulation and Voluntary Number Management Measures (Stipulation) filed in this proceeding on May 27, 1999.¹ This proceeding involves the Commission's response to notice from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) that several area codes in Florida are in jeopardy of exhaustion, and that Central Office (NXX) codes are underutilized. In order to address the apparent numbering resource issue raised by NANPA, the Commission set for hearing on July 7-8, 1999 the issue of requiring code holders to distribute telephone numbers consecutively, beginning with the lowest assignable number, or to consider an appropriate alternative interim mechanism for numbering administration. At the Agenda Conference on March 30, 1999, a concern was expressed that code holders were not issuing telephone numbers in a sequential manner, which, if allowed to continue, might hamper future

¹ The following certificated telecommunications companies represented by FCTA take no position at this time on the Stipulation and take the position on Issue One that sequential numbering is an inappropriate mechanism for numbering administration: Comcast MH Telephony Communications of Florida, Inc.; Comcast Telephony Communications of Florida, Inc.

number pooling efforts.

The parties to this docket, joined by other major industry members, have reached a consensus as to an appropriate interim mechanism for number resource management which obviates any need to consider sequential numbering. The signatories to the Stipulation support the implementation of a voluntary plan to efficiently resolve the numbering resource issues by 1000s block number pooling until such time as a lawful arrangement for number pooling or number conservation becomes effective. Accordingly, FCTA believes that the Stipulation, if approved, adequately resolves the issues identified for hearing, and a hearing is unnecessary.

II. WITNESSES' TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

FCTA will not present any witnesses and does not plan at this time to present any exhibits. FCTA reserves the right to later identify and sponsor such exhibits as may be required by later filed testimony, the completion of discovery, or new issues identified at the prehearing conference.

III. ISSUES AND POSITIONS

ISSUE ONE: Should the Commission order on a statewide basis that the distribution of telephone numbers be made consecutively within area codes, beginning with the lowest assignable telephone number? If not, what alternative interim mechanism for numbering administration would be appropriate?

POSITION: No. The Commission should instead adopt the Stipulation and Voluntary Number Management Measures filed May 27, 1999, by the parties to this docket and other industry members.

ISSUE TWO: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: This docket should be closed upon approval of the Stipulation.

IV. STIPULATION

A stipulation between the parties to this docket and other industry members was submitted

for Commission approval on May 27, 1999.

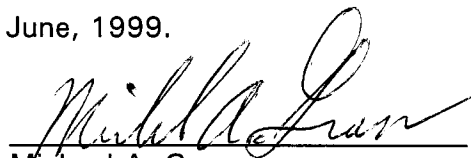
V. PENDING MOTIONS

FCTA has no motions pending at this time.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

FCTA is unaware of any requirement of the prehearing order with which it cannot comply at this time.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of June, 1999.



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