

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Resolution by the Taylor
County Board of Commissioners
for countywide extended area
service (EAS) within Taylor
County.

DOCKET NO. 930235-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-99-1736-FOF-TL
ISSUED: September 2, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

FINAL ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

We opened this Docket in response to Resolution No. 93 filed
by the Taylor County Board of Commissioners on January 29, 1993,
requesting countywide extended area service (EAS) within Taylor
County. GTC, Inc. d/b/a GTCOM (GTC) provides service to the Keaton
Beach and Perry exchanges. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
(BellSouth) provides service to the Steinhatchee pocket of Taylor
County, which is served out of the Cross City exchange located in
Dixie County. The Keaton Beach and Perry exchanges are located in
the Tallahassee local access and transport area (LATA). The Cross
City exchange (Steinhatchee pocket) is located in the Gainesville
LATA.

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act), BellSouth is
prohibited from originating interLATA traffic until it is
authorized to do so pursuant to Section 271. Even when BellSouth
does receive Section 271 authority, it can only carry interLATA
traffic through a separate, independent affiliate, in accordance
with Section 272 of the Act.

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On January 29, 1998, we held customer and technical hearings in Steinhatchee, Florida, to determine if a sufficient community of interest existed on the routes in this docket to justify EAS. Subsequently, by Order No. PSC-98-0794-FOF-TL, issued June 8, 1998, we determined that there was not a sufficient community of interest on the routes to justify implementing EAS. We did, however, direct our staff to discuss with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff the feasibility of a waiver of the LATA boundary on these interLATA routes to allow an Extended Calling Service (ECS) offering on the routes at issue. Therefore, this Docket was kept open.

The discussions with the FCC staff were not productive. The FCC staff indicated that it will only recommend approval of LATA modifications to allow toll relief that is flat-rated, like EAS, as opposed to measured service, like ECS.

We have considered the possibility of a proceeding to review the feasibility of one-way ECS. Upon consideration, we do not, however, believe that this is appropriate or necessary, because BellSouth serves the smaller exchange on both of these routes. Thus, one-way ECS would only provide relief from Keaton Beach to the Steinhatchee Pocket and from Perry to the Steinhatchee Pocket. As we have already determined in Order No. PSC-98-0794-FOF-TL, the true community of interest actually lies in traffic flowing in the opposite direction from the BellSouth exchange (Steinhatchee pocket) into the larger exchanges. One-way ECS would not, therefore, provide the desired relief.

Based on the foregoing, it appears that no other means of toll relief are available for the routes in this docket. Therefore, this Docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Docket No. 930235-TL shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 2nd
Day of September, 1999.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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RE: DOCKET NO. 930235-TL - RESOLUTION BY THE TAYLOR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR COUNTYWIDE EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS) WITHIN TAYLOR COUNTY.

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Attached is a FINAL ORDER CLOSING DOCKET, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 3)

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