

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Resolution by the Board of)	DOCKET NO. 891043-TL
County Commissioners of Walton County)	
for EAS between Walton County exchanges)	ISSUED: 22695
and between Reynolds Hill and DeFuniak)	
Springs exchanges)	ISSUED: 3-19-90
)	

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 JOHN T. HERNDON

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

BY THE COMMISSION:

Notice is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for formal proceeding pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

This docket was initiated by Resolution No. 89-33 filed with this Commission by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners. The resolution requested that we consider requiring implementation of extended area service (EAS) between all Walton County exchanges (including the pocket areas) and between the Reynolds Hill and DeFuniak Springs exchanges. The DeFuniak Springs, Freeport, Glendale, Paxton, Santa Rosa Beach, and Seagrove Beach exchanges are located in Walton County, as are portions of the Destin, Ponce de Leon, and Valparaiso exchanges. The balance of the Destin and Valparaiso exchanges are located in Okaloosa County. The Reynolds Hill exchange is in Holmes County, as is a portion of the Ponce de Leon exchange. All of these exchanges are served by Central Telephone Company of Florida (Centel), with the exception of the Paxton exchange, which is served by Florida Telephone Company (Florida). Both companies are subject to regulation by this Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Florida Statutes.

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Each of the involved exchanges currently has EAS as follows:

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Access Lines</u>	<u>EAS Calling Scope</u>
Destin	9,752	Ft. Walton Beach, Santa Rosa Beach, Shalimar, Valparaiso
DeFuniak Springs	5,367	Freeport, Glendale, Paxton, Ponce de Leon
Freeport	1,600	DeFuniak Springs
Glendale	583	DeFuniak Springs
Paxton	1,069	DeFuniak Springs, Laurel Hill, Florala and Wing AL
Ponce De Leon	880	DeFuniak Springs
Reynolds Hill	1,145	Bonifay, Westville
Santa Rosa Beach	1,856	Destin, Ft. Walton Beach, Seagrove Beach
Seagrove Beach	1,989	Santa Rosa Beach
Valparaiso	12,750	Destin, Ft. Walton Beach, Shalimar

By Order No. 22037, issued October 10, 1989, Centel and Florala were directed to conduct traffic studies on the exchanges affected by the resolution to determine if a sufficient community of interest existed pursuant to Rule 25-4.060, Florida Administrative Code. In that study, we requested that the companies measure the messages per main and equivalent main station per month (M/M/M) and percentage of subscribers making two (2) or more calls monthly to the exchanges for which EAS was proposed.

In addition to involving intercompany routes, this request also involves interLATA (Local Access Transport Area) routes. Centel's Reynolds Hill exchange is located in the Panama City LATA, while all the other exchanges involved in this request

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are located in the Pensacola LATA. Because of an initial misunderstanding about the need for it to complete any traffic studies, Florala requested an extension of time in which to complete and submit the required studies. This extension of time was granted by Order No. 22486, issued February 1, 1990. Subsequently, by Order No. 22487, issued February 1, 1990, the Prehearing Officer granted Centel's request that the results of these traffic studies be afforded specified confidential treatment, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 364.183, Florida Statutes. The Prehearing Officer held the traffic data confidential on the basis that disclosure of the traffic volume on the interLATA routes would aid competitors to the detriment of those long distance carriers presently providing service on the affected routes.

Rule 25-4.060(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, requires a minimum of 3.00 M/M/Ms, with at least fifty percent (50%) of the exchange subscribers making two (2) or more calls per month to indicate a sufficient community of interest to warrant EAS. The results of the traffic studies indicate that the one-way calling rates between the affected routes fall below this threshold rule requirement, with the exception of the Freeport to Valparaiso route, which is being processed as part of another EAS request in Docket No. 891042-TL. Therefore, none of the other routes involved in this request qualify for further consideration of EAS at this time. Accordingly, we announce our intention to deny the resolution filed by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners.

Based on the foregoing, it is

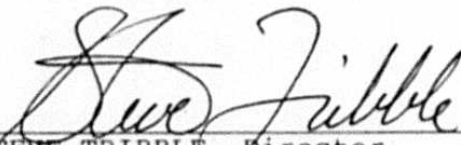
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Resolution No. 89-33 filed by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners requesting extended area service between all Walton County exchanges and between the Reynolds Hill and DeFuniak Springs exchanges is hereby denied. It is further

ORDERED that the effective date of our action described herein is the first working day following the date specified below, if no protest to this Proposed Agency Action is filed within the time-frames set forth below. It is further

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ORDERED that if no protest is filed within the time-frames set forth below, this docket shall be closed by the consummating order to be issued in this docket.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 19th day of MARCH, 1990.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida

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Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on April 9, 1990.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code, and as reflected in a subsequent order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.