#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by the residents of Polo Park requesting extended area service ) FILED: MARCH 22, 1996 (EAS) between the Haines City exchange and the Orlando, West Kissimmee, Lake Buena Vista, Windermere, Reedy Creek, Winter Park, Clermont, Winter Garden and St. Cloud exchanges.

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### STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Orders Nos. PSC-96-0093-PCO-TL, issued January 18, 1996, and PSC-96-0242-PCO-TL, issued February 20, 1996, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

All Known Witnesses: Staff does not intend to sponsor a Α. witness at this time.

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All Known Exhibits: Staff has not yet identified a tentative list of exhibits which it intends to utilize in this proceeding. Staff will supply a tentative list of such exhibits at or prior to the Prehearing Conference.

# Staff's Statement of Basic Position:

There is not a sufficient community of interest to justify nonoptional EAS as defined in the Commission's rules. Staff has no position at this time regarding whether there is a sufficient community of interest to implement an alternative toll plan on these routes.

D.-G. Staff's Position on the Issues:

**ISSUE 1:** Is there a sufficient community of interest on the routes listed in Table A to justify surveying for nonoptional extended area service as currently defined in the

Commission rules, or implementing an alternative interLATA toll plan?

TABLE A

REQUESTED INTERLATA ROUTES FOR EAS	
FROM:	TO:
Haines City (Except Poinciana 427 pocket)	Kissimmee, West Kissimmee
Haines City	Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, Windermere, Reedy Creek, Winter Park, Clermont, Winter Garden, St. Cloud
Haines City (including 427 Poinciana pocket)	Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, Windermere, Reedy Creek, Winter Park, Clermont, Winter Garden, St. Cloud

- There is not a sufficient community of interest to justify nonoptional EAS as defined in the Commission's rules. Staff has no position at this time regarding whether there is a sufficient community of interest to implement an alternative toll plan on these routes.
- **ISSUE 2:** What other community of interest factors should be considered in determining if either an optional or nonoptional toll alternative should be implemented on these routes?
- **STAFF:** No position at this time.
- If a sufficient community of interest is found on any of these routes, what is the economic impact of each plan on the company (summarize in chart form and discuss in detail)?
  - a) EAS with 25/25 plan and regrouping;
  - b) Alternative InterLATA toll plan; and
  - c) Other (specify)
- **STAFF:** No position at this time.

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- ISSUE 4: Should subscribers be required to pay an additive as a prerequisite to surveying for extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan? If so, how much of a payment is required and how long should it last?
- If the Commission determines that EAS is appropriate, an additive should be included for purposes of surveying customers. Staff takes no position at this time regarding the length of time the additive should remain.
- **ISSUE 5:** If a sufficient community of interest is found, what are the appropriate rates and charges for the plan to be implemented on these routes?
- **STAFF:** No position at this time.
- If extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan is determined to be appropriate, should the customers be surveyed?
- If the Commission determines that EAS with an additive is appropriate, the subscribers should be surveyed. If the Commission determines that an alternative toll plan is appropriate, no survey is required.

## H. Stipulation

Staff is not aware of any issues that have been stipulated at this time.

# I. Pending Motions:

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original and seven copies of Staff's Prehearing Statement, in the above-referenced docket, has been filed with the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and a true and correct copy thereof has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 22th day of March, 1996, to each of the following:

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