

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM

OCTOBER 17, 1996

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (WIDELL) *Widell*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CANZANO) *Canzano* MCB

RE: DOCKET NO. 961048-TL - PETITION TO MODIFY PORT ST. LUCIE
EXCHANGE BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE WIDE WATERS SUBDIVISION.

AGENDA: OCTOBER 29, 1996 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY
ACTION - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\961048TL.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

- On September 6, 1996, BellSouth filed a petition with the Commission requesting that the Wide Waters subdivision be moved from the Stuart exchange into the Port St. Lucie exchange. See Attachment A.
- In 1973, when Wide Waters began development in southwest St. Lucie County, there was very limited access to the area except from Stuart, which is located in Martin County.
- Public Safety agencies established service such as 911 from Martin County. Telephone service was established from the Stuart exchange.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Wide Waters subdivision be moved from the Stuart exchange into the Port St. Lucie exchange as requested by the petitioner?

RECOMMENDATION: Not at this time. The 53 subscribers of the Wide Waters subdivision should be surveyed to determine if they are in favor of moving from the Stuart exchange to the Port St. Lucie exchange with no increase in rates, but with a telephone number change and a change in calling scope.

The survey should be conducted within 45 days from the date the order from this recommendation becomes final. The ballot should advise the subscribers that their telephone numbers and their local calling scope will change if they are moved to the Port St. Lucie exchange. The survey letter and ballot should be submitted to staff for review prior to distribution to the Wide Waters' subscribers.

In order for the survey to pass, at least 50 percent of the subscribers balloted must respond, and of those responding at least 60 percent must vote in favor of the boundary change.

STAFF ANALYSIS: On September 6, 1996, Bell South filed a petition requesting that the Wide Waters subdivision be moved from the Stuart exchange into the Port St. Lucie exchange. BellSouth serves both exchanges. There are 53 subscribers in the area at this time. Wide Waters is located in St. Lucie County but is served from Stuart, which is in Martin County. This causes problems in providing 911 service to these subscribers.

The petition states that when Wide Waters was developed, St. Lucie County police and fire could neither efficiently nor effectively access southwestern St. Lucie County, while Martin County public safety agencies could. Since then, road access to Wide Waters has vastly improved. Wide Waters is now served by St. Lucie County police and fire, but 911 identification and responses come from Martin County since telephone service comes from Stuart. The petition also states that Public Safety agencies in both counties have asked BellSouth to correct this situation.

If the requested transfer is made, the telephone numbers and the local calling scope of the transferred subscribers will change; however, there will be no change in local rates since Port St. Lucie and Stuart are both in Rate Group 6. The change in local calling scope will actually be a net increase of 46,553 access

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lines for these customers since they will gain EAS to Fort Pierce (49,818) while losing EAS to Indiantown (3,265). The exchange calling scopes are listed in Table A.

TABLE A

EXCHANGE	EAS	ECS
Stuart	Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach, Port St. Lucie, Indiantown	Jupiter, West Palm Beach
Port St. Lucie	Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach, Stuart, Fort Pierce	Jupiter, West Palm Beach

Even though local rates will not increase, staff believes that the customers should be surveyed on the proposed boundary change, since telephone number and calling scope changes would be required. There are no rules covering requirements for such a survey; however, in a recent boundary change request (Docket No. 951099-TL), the Commission ordered that at least 50 percent of the balloted customers must respond and at least 60 percent of those responding must vote in favor of the boundary change for the survey to pass.

Staff believes that the boundary change should be approved if the transferred customers agree to the telephone number and local calling scope changes as outlined above. The boundary change would solve 911 service problems by eliminating the pocket of St. Lucie County subscribers now being served from a Martin County exchange. If the change is made, the entire exchange boundary between Stuart and Port St. Lucie will coincide with the county line.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. If Issue 1 is approved, this docket should remain open pending the outcome of the subscriber survey.

STAFF ANALYSIS: No. If Issue 1 is approved, this docket should remain open pending the outcome of the subscriber survey.

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September 6, 1996

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Re: BellSouth's Petition to Modify Exchange Boundary

Dear Mrs. Bayó:

Enclosed please find an original and fifteen copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition to Modify Exchange Boundary, which we ask that you file in the captioned docket.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

J. Phillip Carver
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(PJC)

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record
R. G. Beatty
A. M. Lombardo
William J. Ellenberg II

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of BellSouth
Telecommunications Inc. to modify
the Port St. Lucie Exchange
Boundary)

Docket No. 961048-TL
Filed: September 6, 1996

BELLSOUTH'S PETITION TO MODIFY EXCHANGE BOUNDARY

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. ("BELLSOUTH"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, petitions the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to modify the Port St. Lucie exchange boundary to include the Wide Waters subdivision, and as grounds in support of this Petition states as follows:

1. BellSouth is a telephone company lawfully doing business in the State of Florida, the regulated operations of which are subject to the Commission pursuant to Chapter 364, Fla. Stat.

2. BellSouth's principal place of business in Florida is 150 W. Flagler Street, Suite 1910, Miami, Florida 33130.

3. Pleadings and process in this matter may be served upon

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4. Generally, customers in southwestern St. Lucie County are served from the Port St. Lucie exchange. (A copy of the current exchange service area

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map for the Port St. Lucie exchange is attached as Exhibit A.) However, the Wide Waters subdivision, which is located in southwestern St. Lucie County, is served from the Stuart exchange, which is in Martin County. (A copy of the current exchange service area map for the Stuart exchange is attached as Exhibit B.)

5. When the Wide Waters subdivision was developed, St. Lucie County police and fire could neither efficiently nor effectively access southwestern St. Lucie County. Martin County public safety had better access to the subdivision. Since then, road access to Wide Waters has vastly improved. Wide Waters is now served by St. Lucie County police and fire. In fact, St. Lucie County recently placed a fire department sub-station near Wide Waters.

6. Although Wide Waters is now served by public safety services in St. Lucie County, 911 identification and responses are coming from Martin County since it is served out of the Stuart exchange. Public Safety agencies in both Martin County and St. Lucie County have asked BellSouth to correct this situation.

7. A new subdivision is being developed east of Wide Waters. This subdivision is physically located in both St. Lucie and Martin counties. Customers in this new subdivision who reside in Martin County will be served from the Stuart exchange, and customers who reside in St. Lucie County will be served from the Port St. Lucie exchange.

8. The proposed modification will divide the Stuart and Port St. Lucie exchanges wholly along county lines. (Copies of the proposed service area maps

for the Port St. Lucie and Stuart exchanges after the modification are attached as Exhibits C and D, respectively.)

9. Approximately 35 subscribers would be affected by modifying the Port St. Lucie exchange boundary to include the Wide Waters subdivision. The modification would affect the NNXs for these subscribers and their local calling area. Their rate band will remain the same, however, because the Stuart and Port St. Lucie exchanges are in the same rate band. BellSouth contacted the Wide Waters homeowners association regarding modifying the exchange boundary, and was advised that they do not oppose the modification.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth respectfully requests the Commission to modify the Port St. Lucie exchange boundary to include the Wide Waters subdivision.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.



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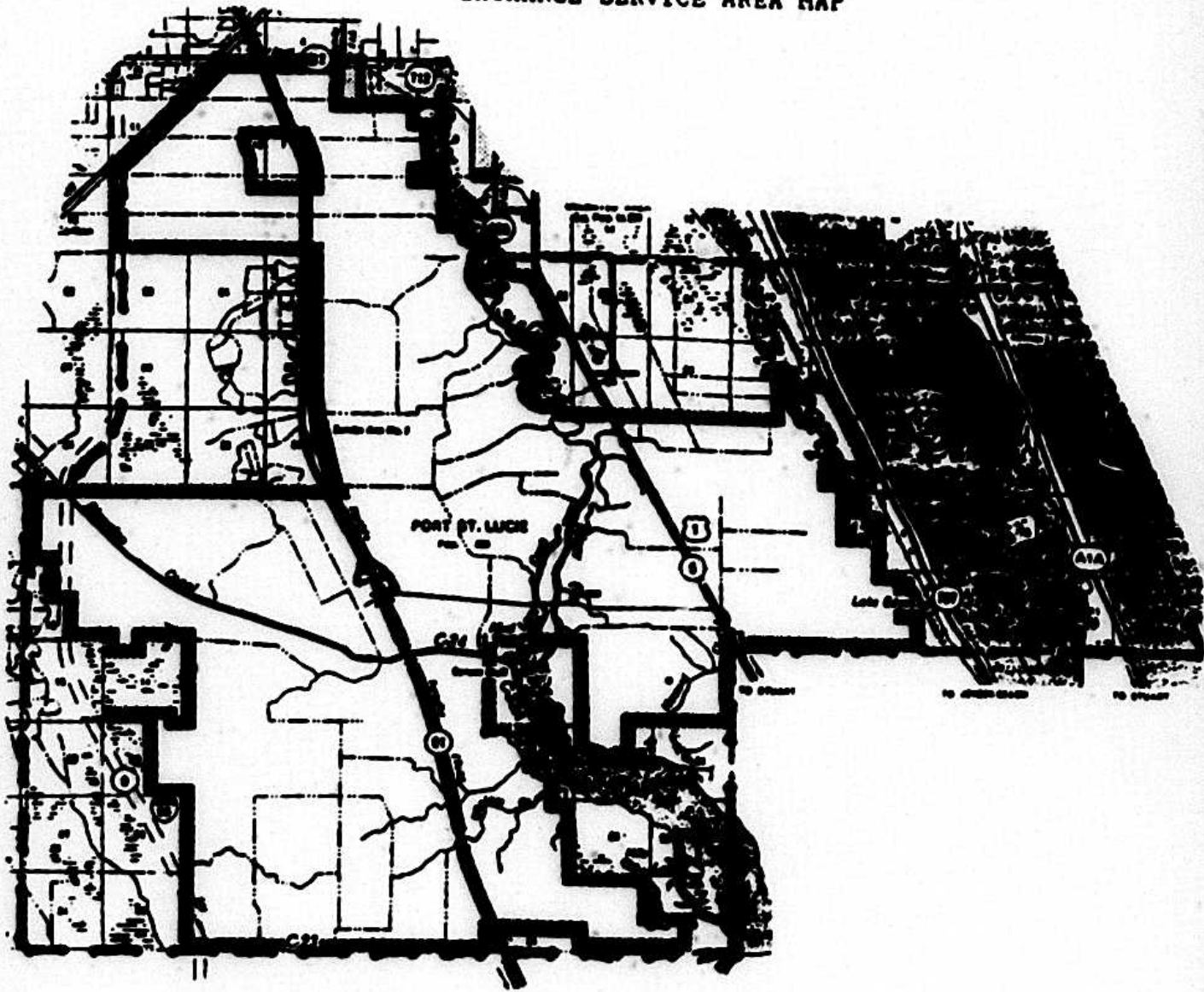
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PORT ST. LUCIE, FL
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Cancels Twelfth Revised Sheet 1

~~ISSUED: January 27, 1993~~

~~EFFECTIVE March 28, 1993~~

EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA MAP



~~Section 25 and 36, T37S, R40E, St. Lucie County, are wholly~~
~~within the Port St. Lucie exchange, excepting the Wide~~
~~Waters subdivision, Gilson property and vacant land~~
~~between, which are in the Stuart exchange~~

BY: J. P. Lacher, Vice President - Florida

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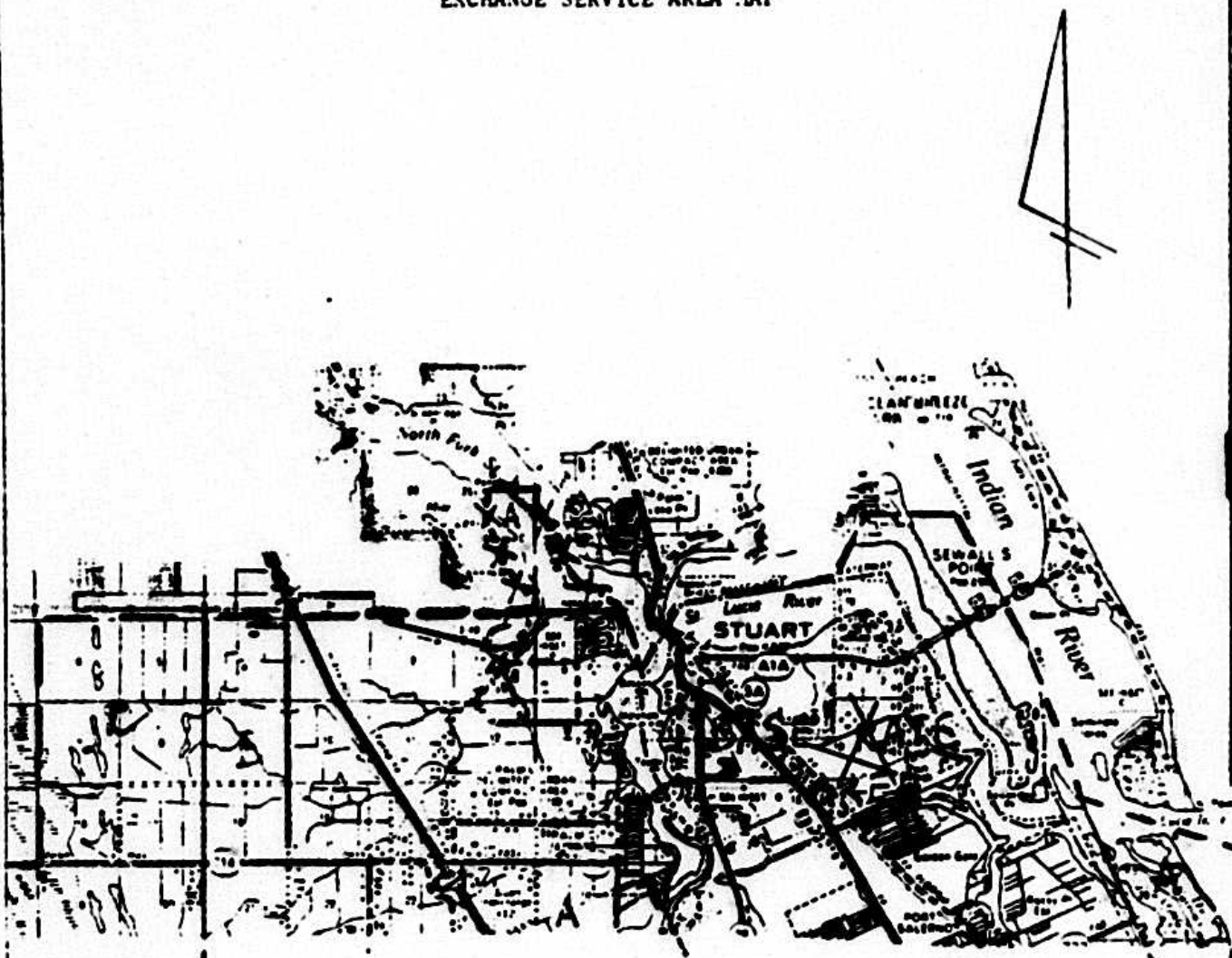
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~~Effective: November 12, 1965~~

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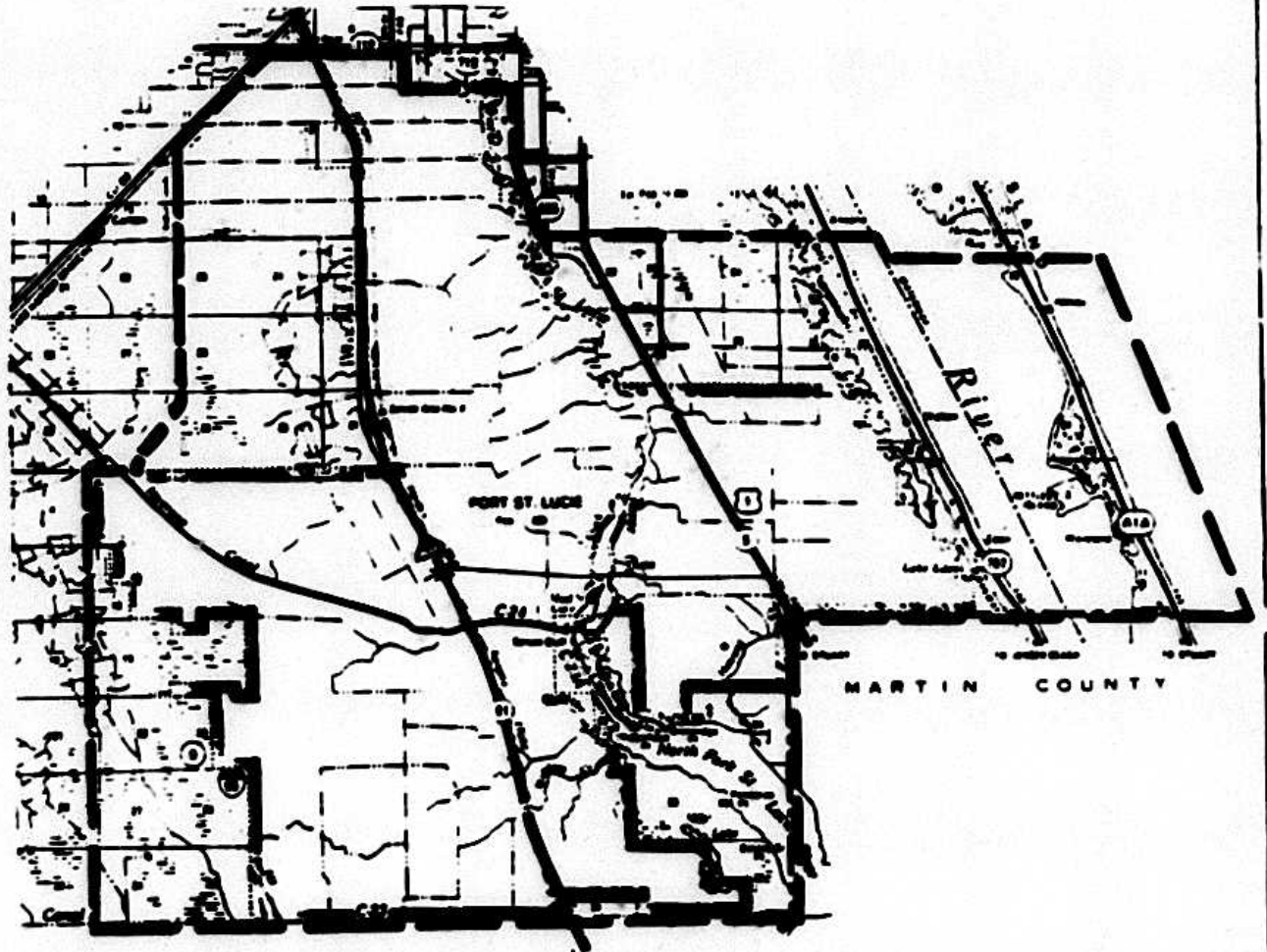
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BY: Walter H. Alford, Vice President, Miami, Florida

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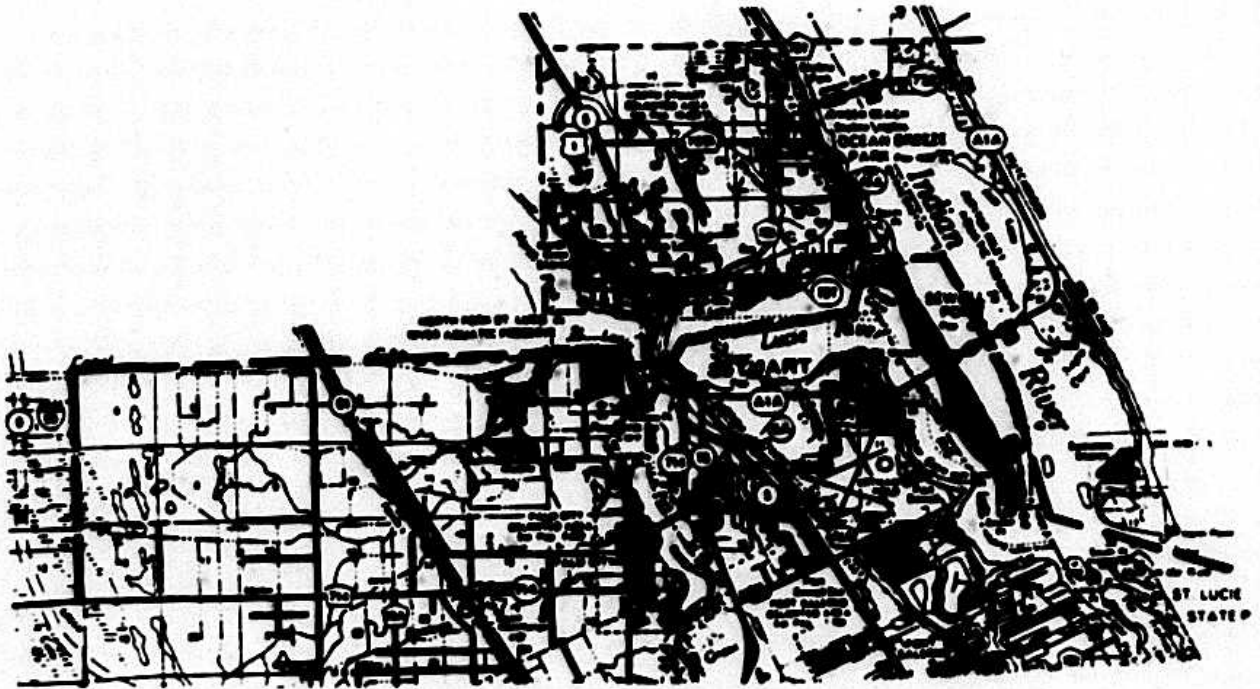
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EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA MAP



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail this
10th day of September, 1996 to:

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