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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 961153-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

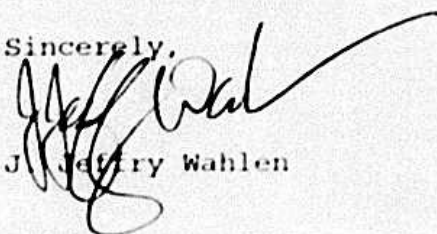
Enclosed for filing in the above-styled docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Northeast's Prehearing Statement.

We are also submitting the Prehearing Statement on a 3.5" high-density diskette generated on a DOS computer in WordPerfect 5.1 format.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey Wahlen

Enclosures

cc: All parties of record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for numbering plan area) DOCKET NO. 961153-TL
relief for 904 area code, by BellSouth) FILED: 11/22/96
Telecommunications, Inc.)
_____)

NORTHEAST'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to the Order on Prehearing Procedure in this docket, Northeast Florida Telephone Company ("Northeast"), through its undersigned counsel, files its Prehearing Statement.

A. WITNESS: Northeast will offer the prepared direct testimony of Lynne G. Brewer.

B. EXHIBITS: None.

C. BASIC POSITION: Option 1 is the most appropriate choice when the guidelines for NPA relief are considered. It offers the greatest amount of relief for both the new (850) and the old (904) NPAs. Option 2 should be implemented if Option 1 is not acceptable to the Commission.

D-G. ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

Issue 1: What geographic split plan for 904 area code relief should be ordered by the Commission?

Position: Option 1 is the most appropriate choice when the guidelines for NPA relief are considered. It offers the greatest amount of relief for both the new (850) and the old (904) NPAs.

Issue 2: How and when should the area code relief be implemented?

Position: Permissive dialing should be allowed beginning on February 24, 1997, with mandatory dialing to become effective one year later, on February 23, 1998.

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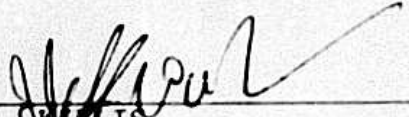
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H. **STIPULATIONS:** The Company is not aware of any pending stipulations at this time.

I. **PENDING MOTIONS:** The Company is not aware of any pending motions at this time.

J. **COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ON PREHEARING PROCEDURE:** The Company does not know of any requirement of the Order on Prehearing Procedure with which it cannot comply.

DATED this 22nd day of November, 1996.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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