

VOTE SHEET

DATE: November 26, 1996

RE: DOCKET NO. 961266-TL - Request for countywide extended area service (EAS) in Okaloosa County by Rita Benz.

Issue 1: Recommendation that the Commission deny the request by the City of Laurel Hill for toll-free calling within Okaloosa County, or alternatively, the request by Ms. Rita Benz for the \$.25 plan between the Laurel Hill exchange and the Baker, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Shalimar, and Valpariso exchanges. Any requests for EAS or ECS filed after July 1, 1995, that are implemented become part of non-basic service. Since EAS or ECS requested after July 1, 1995, would become a non-basic service, the Commission is without jurisdiction to require the price-regulated LECs to implement EAS or ECS. Thus, whether to implement an EAS or ECS request is a decision for the price-regulated LEC rather than for the Commission.

**APPROVED**

Issue 2: Recommendation that, if no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of issuance of the order from this recommendation, the order shall become final and the docket should be closed.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

*[Handwritten signatures in the Majority column]*  
Susan J. Clark  
J. Terry Dean  
Janis A. [unclear]

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS: