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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Resolution by City)
Commission of Haines City)
Requesting Extended Area)
Service (EAS) from Haines)
City Exchange to all)
Exchanges within Polk)
County.)

Docket No. 950699-TL
Filed: February 21, 1997

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
WALTER W. STORMS

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2 **Walter W. Storms**

3 **On Behalf of The City of Haines City**

4 **Before the Florida Public Service Commission**

5 **February 21, 1997**

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7 **Q. Please state your name, business name, address and title.**

8 **A. Walter W. Storms, 1290 Golfview Drive; Post Office Box 9005, Drawer HS07,**
9 **Bartow, Florida; Director - Elderly Service Division, Polk County Board of**
10 **County Commissioners.**

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12 **Q. Please describe your educational background and your business**
13 **experience.**

14 **A. Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Accounting**
15 **28 Years Public Service**
16 **Chief Fiscal Officer in Public sector and Division of Elderly Services.**

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18 **Q. Please describe your role as a community leader in Haines City.**

19 **A. My role not only as a Community Leader in Haines City, but throughout all of**
20 **Polk County is very instrumental in working closely with the City of Haines**
21 **City, businesses, Chamber of Commerce, service agencies, and religious**
22 **organizations in forming partnerships to better serve the needs of frail,**
23 **elderly clients and preventing premature institutionalization.**

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25 **Q. Why is it appropriate that the Florida Public Service Commission be**

1 **concerned with the provision of countywide extended area service for**
2 **Haines City?**

3 A. Frail elderly low to moderate income clients in the Haines City area pay a
4 premium to access services throughout Polk County.

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6 Q. **In what ways will the implementation of countywide extended area**
7 **service impact your business and community interest?**

8 A. Polk County Elderly Services not only provides in-home services to frail,
9 elderly clients in Haines City, but also maintains two nutrition sites and one
10 adult day care center. The cost saved through an extended area service
11 would be used to serve additional clients in Haines City.

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13 Q. **In what ways do you foresee the implementation of the countywide**
14 **extended area service impacting the economy of Haines City?**

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16 A. Encourage more businesses to expand and relocate in the area.

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18 Q. **Describe what you see as Haines City's growth potential with the**
19 **countywide extended area service for local telephone usage.**

20 A. Significant.

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22 Q. **Please describe any additional factors which you believe the Florida**
23 **Public Service Commission should consider with regard to Haines**
24 **City's application.**

25 A. Give favorable consideration in the request, considering Polk County is the

1 fourth largest county geographically, wherein many of the services needed by
2 our citizens are located in other Polk County towns outside the Haines City
3 calling area.

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