

VOTE SHEET

AUGUST 5, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 970809-TP - Joint petition for approval of consolidation of The Florala Telephone Company, Inc., and Gulf Telephone Company, into St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company, Inc.; cancellation of Certificates Nos. 4 and 21 held by The Florala Telephone Company, Inc. and Gulf Telephone Company; and name change on Certificate No. 29 from St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company to GTC, Inc.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the joint petition for consolidation of The Florala Telephone Company, Inc. and Gulf Telephone Company into St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company, Inc.; cancellation of Certificates Nos. 4 and 21 held by The Florala Telephone Company, Inc. and Gulf Telephone Company; and name change on Certificate No. 29 from St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company, Inc. to GTC, Inc.

Recommendation: Yes.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

Handwritten signatures of majority commissioners: [Signature 1], [Signature 2], [Signature 3], [Signature 4], [Signature 5]

Four horizontal lines for dissenting signatures.

REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the Companies be permitted to combine their study areas into one for purposes of jurisdictional separations?

Recommendation: Yes. The FPSC should advise the FCC that it does not object to the combination of the three study areas of the Companies into one. However, due to the apparent barrier to entry that would be created, the FPSC should express a preference that the service areas remain separate for the purpose of designating Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs).

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of the issuance date of the order, the order will become final and the docket should be closed.

APPROVED