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Ms. Blanco S. Bayó
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Re: Docket No. ~~950699~~-TL; Resolution by City Commission of Haines City
requesting extended area service (EAS) from Haines City exchange to all
exchanges within Polk County.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and fifteen (15)
copies of Request to Address Commission at Agenda Conference.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was
filed and return the copy to me.

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Sincerely,

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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
Date Filed: September 5, 1997

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COMMISSION AT AGENDA CONFERENCE

The City of Haines City ("Haines City"), through its undersigned counsel, and the citizens of Florida ("citizens"), through Jack Shreve, Public Counsel, file this motion to allow each party five minutes to address the Commission at the agenda conference that will decide the issues in this case.

1. On July 2, 1997, the staff provided its recommendation to the Commission. The staff recommended to prohibit the citizens of Haines City from voting on whether to accept a surcharge in exchange for flat rate EAS in Polk County, despite the overwhelming response of witnesses at the hearing that they would accept such a surcharge. Staff further recommended to prohibit ECS calling to the county seat in Bartow and to a number of smaller exchanges in Polk county. Staff only recommended that the Commission order ECS calling between Haines City and the Lakeland and Polk City exchanges. At the request of the citizens and Haines City, this item has been deferred for a number of agenda conferences.

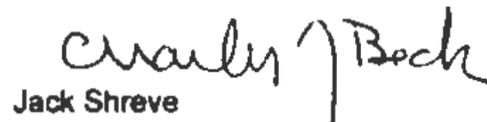
2. Haines City and the citizens were quite surprised to find the staff opposed to any type of toll relief between Haines City to Bartow, the county seat. Bartow is the center not only of county government in Polk County, but also of the school board and all associated activities. In Florida, most exchanges have either toll free calling or ECS calling to the county seat, yet the staff recommendation would continue isolating Haines City from the county. Staff sponsored no witnesses in this case, so there has been no avenue to date to respond to the staff recommendation. We believe the Commission will be able to make a better decision if it allows each party to comment on the staff recommendation. Haines City officials and others expect to attend the agenda conference, and they wish to address the Commission briefly before the Commission makes this important decision that so directly affects them.

WHEREFORE, Haines City and the citizens respectfully request the Commission to allow each party five minutes to address the Commission at the agenda conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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