

RESOLUTION

NO. 97-19

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission is charged with the responsibility of protecting the consumers' service and the public's safety through their regulatory process with the Telecommunications Companies in the State of Florida.

WHEREAS, An out of state corporation has purchased St. Joseph Telephone and Telegraph Co., Gulf County Telephone Company and Florida Telephone Company. They have now petitioned the Public Service Commission for approval to consolidate these companies to form GTC, Inc.

WHEREAS, St. Joe Telephone has announced plans to close their Operator Services Office in Port St. Joe and contract with another company to provide operator services in an automated manner.

WHEREAS, Port St. Joe is an unique area that for many, many years has been served well by St. Joe Telephone, providing very personal service to all the citizens of Gulf County and surrounding areas. To remove this valuable service provided by the operators will terminate an important safety buffer we now have and pay for,

WHEREAS, Port St. Joe is an isolated coastal community subject to severe hurricane threat; the operators of Gulf County have provided invaluable assistance to the citizens who have evacuated by keeping them informed of the storms activities;

WHEREAS, Gulf County has suffered severe economic hardships due to many job layoffs; our area cannot suffer more job losses; also, local jobs support our local economy and also allow our citizens to live and work in Gulf County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, in special session, duly assembled, this 5th day of September, 1997, hereby declares its support for the Operator Services Office in Port St. Joe, Florida to remain open.

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