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Dear Ms. Bayo;

Please find enclosed Sarasota Equine Associates' Prehearing Statement in the above stated matter

Thanks

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SARASOTA EQUINE ASSOCIATES' PREHEARING STATEMENT

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SEA does not believe that this exchange is reasonable nor should in be put to 2.2 vote.

B Specific Positions

- 1. Would transferring a portion of the Sarasota exchange to the Bradenton exchange create unreasonable expenses for affected customers?

 SEA's Position: Yes it will create unreasonable expense. Both in increase phone expense and loss of revenue.
- 2. Should affected customers be balloted in order to determine if they are in fevor of the boundary change?

SEA's Position:

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SEA' Position: No, the area should not be balloted.

The area in is largely composed of transient

people who do not represent the community's

interest. It would not be indicative of the future

development of the area.

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CERTIFICATE OS SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Sarasota Equine Associates" prehearing Statement in Docket No. 970990-TL were sent via US mail to the parties listed below.

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