



Public Service Commission

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DATE : May 14, 1998
TO : Alan Taylor, Don McDonald, (cc: Harvey Spears, Sprint)
FROM : Phil Trubelhorn
RE : Docket No. 980128-TL

This Memorandum reports on an April 30, 1998, meeting about our investigation of Sprint's failure to provide additional telephone service to Upper Captiva Island.

I chaired a meeting of Upper Captiva residents/responsible and interested parties and Sprint-Florida personnel in the Fire District building on the Island. Attendees were: Susanne (Suzie) Scott, Treasurer of the Upper Captiva Civic Association; Richard Pepper, Fire Chief; Gary Walker, Realtor; Harvey Spears, Sprint Regulatory; John Candeto, Sprint Building Manager; and John Schroeder, Sprint Design Engineer.

- 1. All parties want additional telephone service to the Island and agreed to work together to that aim. Our discussions of past and present conditions were open and frank, as were our discussions of alternatives to enable additional service.
2. We identified three possible tower locations:
A. Next to State Park land (near the center of the Island)
B. At the Fire District building, and
C. At the Safety Harbor Club.

3. Action Plan:

The Civic Association will pursue Location A, while Sprint concurrently pursues Location B. For Location A, Sprint will provide an estimated tower height and antenna size as soon as possible; the Civic Association will then prepare a Right-of-Way request to the State as soon as possible; and I will write a letter to the State in support of Civic Association's Right-of-Way request. For Location B, Sprint will prepare a "specific" proposal to the Fire District within one and a half weeks- for review at Fire District Board meeting on Friday, May 29, 1998. No action will be taken on Location C at this time.

Also, Sprint will consider planning for telephone service to 15 to 20 homes on the south side of the Island- now without Power or Telephone.

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