

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

MAY 19, 1998

RE: DOCKET NO. 930235-TL - Resolution by the Taylor County Board of Commissioners for countywide extended area service (EAS) within Taylor County.

Issue A: Should the Commission grant GTC, Inc.'s motion to accept late-filed brief of evidence?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should grant GTC's late-filed brief.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: DS CL GR

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MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 1: Is there a sufficient community of interest on the Cross City (Taylor County pocket)/Keaton Beach, and Cross City (Taylor County pocket)/Perry routes to justify surveying for non-optional extended area service as currently defined in the Commission rules or implementing an alternative interLATA toll plan?

Recommendation: No. Based on the testimony, staff does not believe that a sufficient community of interest exists to warrant surveying the Taylor County pocket of the Cross City exchange for flat rate non-optional EAS or to implement an alternative interLATA toll plan on any of the routes at issue.

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Issue 2: If a sufficient community of interest is found on either of the routes identified in Issue 1, what is your position regarding each of the following plans (summarize in chart form and discuss in detail) and how should they be implemented?

- a) EAS with 25/25 plan and regrouping;
- b) Alternative interLATA toll plan; and
- c) Other (specify)

Recommendation: a) If the Commission denies staff's recommendation in Issue 1 and determines that EAS is warranted, the 25/25 plan with regrouping is calculated by adding twenty-five percent (25%) of the rate group schedule for the number of access lines to be newly included in the exchange's calling scope. The regrouping additive is the difference in rates between the exchange's original rate group and the new rate group into which the exchange will fall with its expanded calling scope.

b) Because of federal prohibitions, BellSouth cannot offer interLATA ECS; therefore, no alternative interLATA toll plan is appropriate for BellSouth. While GTC can offer ECS from the Perry and Keaton Beach exchanges, this would not satisfy the needs of Steinhatchee; therefore, staff does not believe ECS is appropriate.

c) The evidence presented does not support any other toll relief plans.

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Issue 3: Should subscribers be required to pay an additive as a prerequisite for flat rate, two-way, non-optional extended area service? If so, who should pay the additive, how much of a payment is required, and how long should it last?

Recommendation: Yes. If the Commission denies staff in Issue 1 and determines that the Taylor County pocket of the Cross City exchange should be balloted for EAS, the subscribers should be required to pay an additive. Specifically, the subscribers should be balloted under the 25/25 plan with regrouping. The 25/25 additive should remain in effect for no more than 4 years, after which time the additive should be removed.

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Issue 4: If a sufficient community of interest is found, what are the appropriate rates and charges for any alternative plan and how should it be implemented on either of the routes identified in Issue 1?

Recommendation: If EAS is determined to be appropriate, staff recommends that the rates be determined under the 25/25 plan with regrouping as outlined in Table A. The subscribers of the Taylor County pocket of Cross City should be surveyed within 45 days of issuance of the order for this recommendation. BellSouth should submit the newspaper advertisement for staff's review prior to publication. The survey letter and ballot should be submitted to staff for review prior to distribution to its customers. Additionally, BellSouth should provide staff with a copy of the published newspaper advertisement and the dates run. Staff does not believe ECS is appropriate in this case.

TABLE A

Class of Service	Present Rate	25/25 Additive	Regrouping	Total Additive	New Rate
Residence	\$ 7.70	\$ 2.03	\$.40	\$ 2.43	\$10.13
Business	\$20.80	\$ 5.48	\$1.10	\$ 6.58	\$27.38
PBX Trunk	\$35.36	\$ 9.31	\$1.87	\$11.18	\$46.54

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If EAS is approved to the Perry and Keaton Beach exchanges, the Cross City exchange will be forced to regroup from rate group 2 to rate group 3. Rule 25-4.063(1) requires customers to be balloted if a Commission action, such as EAS, forces an increase in rates. If Issue 1 is approved, this is not an issue. However, if Issue 1 is denied and the Commission requires a ballot, staff will address the regrouping issue in the recommendation reporting the results of the survey.

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Issue 5: If extended area service or any alternative plan is determined to be appropriate, which customers should be surveyed?

Recommendation: If Issue 1 is denied, staff recommends that only the customers located in the Taylor County pocket of the Cross City exchange should be balloted for EAS to the Perry and Keaton Beach exchanges.

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Issue 6: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. With the approval of Issue 1, this docket should be closed with no further action being needed.

DENIED

The docket will remain open.