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August 21, 1998

Study on Fair Rates (NO. 980000A-SP)
Division of Records & Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0850

Dear Commission,

We just received a notice from
the telephone company (SPRINT) telling us
you are going to study their wanting
to raise rates.

I will not be able to attend any
of the meetings. But would like to tell
you: Being a senior citizen ^{it} is very im-
portant to have a telephone in order to call
for help. In the last 5 years everything has
gone up in price sooo much it is hard to
make all payments each month. Just one
medication I take is \$96 a month. One of
my husband's is over \$100 plus he is DIABETIC
and ALL his medications has gone sky high. →

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old retired couple

The easiest way out for us would be to commit suicide. Rates have gone up, lights are out of sight, water is sooo high, food has risen too high & the medication is sooo high we CAN NOT afford it. Our social security does NOT rise enough to take care of all the increases in everything.

Please DO NOT let them raise our phone bills. They are too high already.

Thank you,
Mrs. Henrietta Grinstead

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During the 1998 session, the Legislature passed House Bill No. 4765 (Chapter 96-277, Laws of Florida), which directs the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to study and report to the Legislature its conclusions as to the fair and reasonable Florida residential basic local telecommunications service rate, considering (a) affordability, (b) the value of service, (c) comparable residential basic local telecommunications rates in other states, and (d) the cost of providing residential basic local telecommunications service in the state.

As part of the study, the FPSC will conduct 21 public hearings throughout the state to take testimony from the public about such rates. Cost data (including an executive summary) is to be filed by the local exchange telephone companies with the FPSC on August 1 and will be available for public review in the County Library no later than August 15.



Public hearings for Sprint will be held in the following cities on the indicated dates:

- **FORT MYERS**, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1998, in the City of Fort Myers Council Chambers in City Hall, 2200 Second Street, Fort Myers.
- **TALLAHASSEE**, 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21, 1998, in Hearing Room 148 of the Florida Public Service Commission's Betty Easley Conference Center, Tallahassee.
- **ALTAHMONTE SPRINGS**, 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 25, 1998, in the Altamonte Springs City Hall Council Chambers, 225 Newburyport Avenue, Altamonte Springs.

Public hearings will also be held in those cities which are near Sprint's service territory and a Sprint representative will be present to answer any questions:

- **TAMPA**, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1998, in the Hillsborough County Commission Chambers on the second floor of the County Center at 601 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa. (OTE service territory)
- **ORLANDO**, 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, 1998, in the Orlando City Council Chambers on the second floor of Orlando City Hall, 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando. (BealSouth service territory)

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, you may mail written comments to the FPSC at the following address:

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