

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by residents of Ft. White requesting extended area service between Ft. White exchange in Columbia County and Gainesville exchange in Alachua County.

DOCKET NO. 971627-TL

DATED: NOVEMBER 30, 1998

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-1057-PCO-TL, issued the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

- A. All Known Witnesses: Staff does not intend to sponsor a witness at this time.
- B. All Known Exhibits: Staff has not yet identified a tentative list of exhibits which it intends to utilize in this proceeding. To the extent possible in view of the expedited schedule of this proceeding, Staff will supply a tentative list of such exhibits at or prior to the Prehearing Conference.
- C. Staff's Statement of Basic Position:
None pending discovery.

D. Staff's Position on the Issues:

ISSUE 1: Is there a sufficient community of interest on the Ft. White/Gainesville route to justify non-optional extended area service (EAS) as currently defined in Commission Rules or implementing an alternative toll plan?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

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ISSUE 2: If a sufficient community of interest is found to exist, what is the economic impact for the subscribers and the involved companies in implementing an alternative plan on the Ft. White/Gainesville route? (Summarize and discuss in detail the alternative toll plan and its rate structure):

- A) EAS with a 25/25 plan and re-grouping
- B) One-way extended calling service(ECS)
- C) Other (specify)

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate rates for the alternative toll plan on the Ft. White/Gainesville route?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What dialing pattern should be implemented if the Commission determines that toll relief is appropriate?

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of Staff's Prehearing Statement have been furnished by U. S. Mail, this 30th day of November, 1998, to the following:

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