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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of  
Investigation into telephone  
exchange boundary issues in  
Sough Polk County (Ft. Meade  
area).

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Investigation into boundary  
issues in South Sarasota and  
North Charlotte Counties  
(Englewood area).

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numbering plan relief for the  
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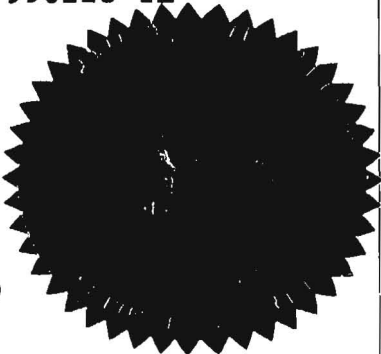
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DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 1999

TIME: Commenced at 2:30 p.m.

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1                   (The following has been transcribed from  
2 tapes provided by the Florida Public Service  
3 Commission Staff.)

3                   MS. SHELFER: Hello. Can you hear me? Can  
4 you hear me? (Pause)

5                   Thank you for coming. It's quite a turnout.  
6 Appreciate it.

7                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can't hear you back  
8 here. Turn it up.

9                   MS. SHELFER: Is this better?

10                  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's better.

11                  MS. SHELFER: Okay. I'll just try to talk  
12 loud.

13                  Can you hear me?

14                  THE AUDIENCE: Yes.

15                  MS. SHELFER: I want to thank you all for  
16 coming out. We're going to do some introductions.

17                  I'm Ann Shelfer with the Public Service  
18 Commission. Normally we have mikes that everybody can  
19 introduce themselves. But we have Charlie Beck with  
20 the Office of Public Counsel, June McKinney, she's  
21 Staff counsel, Levent Ileri and Michael Barrett.

22                  We really didn't have an agenda prepared  
23 today because --

24                  THE AUDIENCE: Can't hear you.

25 (Simultaneous conversation.)

1 MS. SHELFER: We're just going to start it  
2 out with --

3 THE AUDIENCE: That's better.

4 MS. SHELFER: And I'm a public speaker  
5 either so you'll have to bear with me.

6 We're going to start it out with letting one  
7 of Mr. Stan Washer come up and do a presentation. On  
8 what actually the area code proposal is, and then  
9 we'll move on and let Frank do a presentation, I  
10 think, and that will take care of some of your  
11 concerns so we'll let Mr. Washer come up.

12 MR. WASHER: I may end putting this down and  
13 just walking up and down the aisles. I like to walk  
14 up and down aisles so we'll just see what's  
15 appropriate.

16 If somebody cannot hear me, just raise your  
17 hand and I'll know we need to do something.

18 All right. Tell you what, let me just walk  
19 over that way.

20 While he's doing that, let me go ahead and  
21 tell you a little bit about who I am and why I'm here.

22 Lockheed Martin IMS is the administrator of  
23 the North American Numbering Plan. We were given this  
24 responsibility by the FCC in late 1997. In early 1998  
25 we assumed the responsibility for area code planning

1 in the North American Numbering Plan. It takes care  
2 of Canada, the under United States and the Carribbean  
3 countries.

4 As part of our responsibility we determine  
5 when an area code such as 941 is about to exhaust and  
6 without being some time in the next two or three  
7 years. And once that has been brought to our  
8 attention, in reviewing data, we make that  
9 determination. We go out to (unintelligible) all  
10 charges. We convene a meeting of the  
11 telecommunications industry to come and discuss these  
12 various relief alternatives and then by process of  
13 consensus we eliminate relief alternatives, and then  
14 make a recommendation to the state commission.

15 Lockheed Martin is a neutral third-party  
16 administrator, and as such we have no vote on any of  
17 the relief alternatives there that are presented,  
18 discussed or ultimately recommended to the Commission.  
19 But we do operate in accordance with the industry  
20 guidelines to facilitate these meetings to ensure all  
21 members get an opportunity to express their opinions  
22 in the resulting recommendation.

23 I'd like to also welcome you here today. We  
24 hope that a couple folks do talk about the situation.  
25 There are a lot of concerns to be eliminated. It

1 doesn't mean that you will still have a opportunity to  
2 stop and ask questions.

3           Some of the relief alternatives that we'll  
4 consider will be an area code split.

5           You may recall just a year and a half or so  
6 ago the 813 area covered all of this; then 941 split  
7 away from the rest of the 813 so that was a split.  
8 You had a boundary, and the people on one side  
9 retained the old area code, and the people on the  
10 other side get a new area code. An area code split.

11           An area code overlay is another relief  
12 alternative. You look at the serving area -- (person  
13 coughs in microphone) -- area code 941 that we're  
14 looking at today. With an overlay, you put a new area  
15 code on top of that same serving area so that the  
16 geographic area -- in this case Southwest Florida --  
17 you have two area codes assigned to the same area.  
18 But there are a couple of things about that. The best  
19 thing is that people do not have to change their  
20 existing 10-digit telephone number, but there's a  
21 downside to it in that, according to FCC guidelines  
22 for implementing the overlay, all local calling, both  
23 within and between the two area codes that serve the  
24 geographic area, have to be dialed with ten digits. A  
25 10-digit local call is associated with the overlay.

1                   With an area code split, on the other hand,  
2                   approximately 50% of the people in an ideal situation  
3                   would get to keep their full 10-digit telephone  
4                   number, 941, seven digits. Approximately 50% would  
5                   have the new area code assigned to their 7-digit  
6                   number. New area code plus your 7-digit number in the  
7                   case of a split.

8                   Other relief alternatives may be some  
9                   variations of overlays, some variations of split. In  
10                  a boundary we allow them to take an existing area code  
11                  down and just shift it a few miles away to pull in  
12                  another population to revive relief to an area that is  
13                  about to exhaust. That's considered to be a  
14                  short-term solution and I'm not aware, frankly, it's  
15                  being implemented anywhere within the North American  
16                  Numbering calls.

17                  So basically, that leaves us two types of  
18                  alternatives: The area code split that most of you  
19                  all are familiar with, and the area code overlay where  
20                  the new area code comes down on top of the same  
21                  geographic area served by the existing 941 area.

22                  These alternatives were discussed by the  
23                  industry. Recommendations were made to split the  
24                  current 941 area code according to -- or along a  
25                  boundary of the LATA, local access and transport area



1 boundary, which happens to be the boundary separating  
2 the services of GTE and Sprint. There's some  
3 discussion about the fact that it was not a straight  
4 line there. Some information indicated that there was  
5 (unintelligible) going south to Fort Meade.  
6 Obviously, that assumption may not have been correct.  
7 And the boundary, however, in the recommendation was  
8 that the Manatee, Sarasota and most of Polk County  
9 would state 941; the area to the south, Hardee,  
10 Okeechobee, Highlands, DeSoto and all the other  
11 counties to the south would be new areas.

12           The only thing I think -- the only point of  
13 contention that I'm aware of at this point is what is  
14 (unintelligible) to you today. That's why we're here  
15 today, and at this point, at least, we haven't heard  
16 anybody argue (unintelligible) out here going -- I'm  
17 sorry, north or south. Rather people arguing that it  
18 stay with Polk County.

19           So we'll have that for you, to answer any  
20 questions that you have. I think there's another  
21 speaker after me. But basically, the industry did  
22 meet this past summer; came up with a recommendation  
23 for (unintelligible) which can now maintain 7-digit  
24 number dialing within your area code, and the  
25 Commission is holding these meetings today to get

1 input from folks like you about the industry  
2 recommendation.

3 So I'll be here to answer questions in a few  
4 minutes.

5 MS. SHELFER: For those of you who are  
6 unable to attend the Bartow hearing this morning,  
7 Sprint had a proposal that I think may help most of  
8 your concerns. And Mr. Rehwinkel here, he's counsel  
9 for Sprint, is going to tell you the proposal that  
10 they offered at this morning's hearing. Following  
11 that, Commissioner Bell wants to address the public  
12 too.

13 MR. REHWINKEL: Thank you, and. Again, my  
14 name is Charles Rehwinkel. I'm regulatory Public  
15 Counsel for Sprint in Tallahassee and I came down to  
16 talk to you today, as well as the folks in Bartow.  
17 And we did hear from some of your neighbors in Bartow.

18 As you've heard, what you've got in the  
19 green sheet shows a line that is all in green. I just  
20 wanted to show you -- it doesn't show up too well --  
21 but the peak area is Sprint; used to be known as  
22 United down here. And the green area is GTE. And as  
23 you were just told, the line that the industry  
24 representative proposed did follow the company lines.

25 We thought that would be okay. It turned

1 out we were wrong about that. (Laughter) And we're  
2 willing to admit that.

3           When we had the earlier scheduled hearing in  
4 Fort Myers, on the way down I stopped in Tampa to  
5 change planes and saw an article in the paper there  
6 expressing concern that some of your representatives  
7 expressed about this issue. And about the same time,  
8 Public Counsel, represented by Mr. Beck, who works for  
9 Jack Shreve, the Public Counsel, and Ann Shelfer, of  
10 the Public Service Commission Staff, approached us and  
11 said, you know, is this something you can work with  
12 with the customers on? Also today Commissioner Bell  
13 and Representative Putnam also spoke about the issue.  
14 Well, in this instance the company has heard what  
15 you've said. We've listened and we agree that the  
16 proposal that we initially put forward was insensitive  
17 to your concerns about 10-digit calling up to our  
18 county seat, as well as the identity that the area  
19 code gives you with the rest of Polk County.

20           We met with the engineers and the folks that  
21 do the numbers for the company, and we agreed that it  
22 would be reasonable to make the area code split along  
23 the bottom of the Fort Meade exchange boundary across,  
24 so that will keep Fort Meade inside Polk County with  
25 respect to your area code and your dialing. And

1 that's what we're here to agree to today.

2           We're sorry that it's taken until now for  
3 the word to get out. We were talking as early as, I  
4 guess last month, and the initial meetings were put  
5 off by the death of Governor Chiles. We hate we put  
6 you through another month of worrying about this  
7 particular issue.

8           By the way, I'm aware from what was said up  
9 in Bartow that you have other concerns. And we're  
10 prepared to listen on that as well. We understand  
11 that you have some serious problems that you can to  
12 talk to us about, and we hope that you will talk to us  
13 about them and we hope that you will find that we are  
14 willing to listen to you about that.

15           But to return to the area code issue, one  
16 thing that we have to do, we would have to do it in  
17 conjunction with General Telephone, I believe, and the  
18 Public Service Commission, and that is go to somewhere  
19 in the federal government -- we think it's the FCC, it  
20 may be the Department of Justice, but somebody up  
21 there, we need to tell them that we need to move that  
22 LATA line that you heard reference to. We need to  
23 move that down to put the Fort Meade exchange up into  
24 the -- put it on the north side of the line. That's  
25 what we need to do. We think that will help the

1 situation and make it possible.

2 Sprint -- I did a little research before I  
3 came down here and I may be wrong with this, but I  
4 believe in whatever name we have been operating under  
5 has served Fort Meade since the mid '20s, when Baron  
6 Cody (phonetic) bought the exchange from the original  
7 owner.

8 We've had our ups and downs over the years.  
9 We understand that some folks feel like we're in the  
10 down cycle now. We know we have had some problems.  
11 We've taken those problems to the very highest levels  
12 of management -- I'm talking about the president of  
13 the company. He's aware of some of the problems we  
14 have had and he's given his commitment that they'll  
15 remedy those issues now.

16 I don't know if everything that we sit down  
17 and talk to you about will make you happy. We want to  
18 do that. We want to let you know we're happy to serve  
19 Fort Meade. Fort Meade's been an important city in  
20 the aggregate and phosphate industry for many years in  
21 Florida, and we don't want to ignore that. We don't  
22 want to ignore our customers.

23 But with that, that's all I have to say.  
24 I'd be happy to answer any questions that's  
25 appropriate, to Ann, or if you want to hear

1 presentations, we can come back, that's fine.

2 Whatever she wants. Okay. Thank you.

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4 COMMISSIONER MELONY BELL

5 appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

6 DIRECT STATEMENT

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Hi. I'm Melony Bell,  
8 Fort Meade Commissioner. For the record I'll state my  
9 address is 412 North Nanier here in Fort Meade.

10 I was there this morning and spoke on behalf  
11 of the city and I would just like to thank several  
12 people that are here today, most of all I'd like to  
13 thank the Public Service Commission for their prompt  
14 attention on this. As soon as we started calling,  
15 they started sending out meetings for us. With Mike  
16 Stubbs'(ph) help we were allowed to set up the  
17 meetings. I'd like to thank Sprint for listening to  
18 us this morning. It was a good decision on your part.

19 Also, all of the League of Cities here in  
20 Polk County, they all signed resolutions for us to  
21 take a stand on behalf of Fort Meade. Also, Polk  
22 County Commission also did that. And we have one  
23 Commissioner here in the audience, which is Bruce  
24 Parker, if you'd stand. He's here representing the  
25 Polk County Commission on our behalf. (Applause)

1           I also have a petition here that I would  
2     like to give the Public Service Commission, and also  
3     Sprint. I'd like for you to look at it. We have had  
4     over 500 signatures, and this is great for a  
5     grassroots; how we got it started within two months.  
6     I'd like to present this to you and just thanking  
7     everybody for coming out again.

8           MS. SHELFER: What we'd like to do now is  
9     Mr. Beck will call the names. Come forward, state  
10    your name, spell your last name and give your address  
11    for the record. Also, if you do not wish to speak,  
12    there is a sheet within this form that you should have  
13    gotten that you can write what you have to say and  
14    mail it to the Commission and it will also be read and  
15    considered before we make our decision.

16           Mr. Beck.

17           MR. BECK: Mr. Parker, do you wish to make  
18    any comments?

19           MR. PARKER: Thank you very much for letting  
20    me be a part of your meeting, and I'm thankful and  
21    appreciate the Public Service Commission's fast  
22    response.

23           The Polk County Board of Commissioners  
24    passed a resolution and basically said this:  
25    Fort Meade is an integral part of this county and we

1 don't want to disconnect it in any way so we want to  
2 keep the area code the way it is.

3           Now, understanding, sometimes industry makes  
4 recommendations looking at maps, and they have  
5 guidelines, of course, they have to go by and I  
6 understand that. But Fort Meade sits ten miles from  
7 the county seat of this county. Now, we're a county  
8 the size of Delaware; that's the size of Polk County.  
9 So sometimes it's a little misleading. The state of  
10 Rhode Island has 1,400 square miles; Polk County has  
11 2,045 square miles. So we're a little bit different  
12 than some of the other regions in the country.

13           I would suggest to industry, and I do this  
14 as respectfully as I possibly can, that it might be a  
15 good idea sometime to have a public meeting before we  
16 draw the line. And that might help us to get a little  
17 input so that we wouldn't have to wring these folks  
18 out.

19           Now, the reason I say that is because as a  
20 County Commissioner I get the complaints a lot of the  
21 times, and I'm still getting them: Why does  
22 Fort Meade still have to go through these kinds of  
23 problems all the time? Why do they have to do that?

24           Basically what I'm saying, if we can make  
25 the process a little bit better from an industry



1 standpoint for these folks, I think we definitely  
2 should try to do that.

3 My presence here today is to let you know  
4 that the Board of County Commissioners have considered  
5 this to be an important problem. This is not a subplot  
6 (ph); this is not technology is travelling so fast we  
7 can't keep up with it. This is not "this is the  
8 information age and everything changes." What we're  
9 saying is please keep Fort Meade in the 941 area code.  
10 Thank you very much. (Applause)

11 MR. BECK: Thank you, everyone, for coming  
12 out this afternoon. It's a very forceful showing of  
13 everybody coming out.

14 I'm going to call everybody who checked the  
15 mark -- the box on the form, if you want to come up.  
16 If you've changed your mind just tell me. After I've  
17 called everybody who checked the box to speak, we'll  
18 let anybody else speak who may wish to.

19 First witness is Delno Orr.

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21 DELNO D. ORR

22 appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

23 DIRECT STATEMENT

24 MR. ORE: My name is Delno Orr, and I live  
25 down to the city of Avon Park. I'm president of the

1 homeowners association down there. And I would like  
2 to thank the Commission for having their meeting here  
3 in our city, giving us a chance to participate. And I  
4 think this is a happy time, as far as I'm concerned,  
5 to see the communication industry operating like they  
6 are. So many places say things are operating the  
7 other way. We're really happy to see the  
8 communication industry stepping forward and doing  
9 their part here. And as Commissioner Bell said, we  
10 forwarded our petitions to your office in Tallahassee  
11 with 138 signatures asking you not to separate  
12 Fort Meade. And this has, I guess, reached a  
13 consensus the way it is now.

14 But we're just happy that you've come down  
15 and giving us a chance to participate in the meeting.  
16 And we hope that you will consider a layered system  
17 rather than continually dissecting for new area codes.  
18 Thank you. (Applause)

19 MR. BECK: Arwyn Maker.

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21 ARWYN MAKER

22 appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

23 DIRECT STATEMENT

24 MR. MAKER: I am here today representing the  
25 Oakview Lakes Homeowners Association. We're a

1 retirement community of over 250 residents.

2 We have previously mailed in a petition with  
3 many of our residents' names, and also we made  
4 numerous telephone calls to your Commission as we are  
5 quite concerned about this proposal to isolate  
6 Fort Meade from the rest of the county by placing us  
7 in a different area code.

8 While we are aware of the continuous needs  
9 of new area codes, we feel that being separated from  
10 our county will impose new hardships on our people.

11 The confusion within the callers even within  
12 our county would be great as they would assume that we  
13 are part of the same area code. Each of us do  
14 business in Bartow and Lakeland and other cities that  
15 are within our present calling area. This is  
16 necessary as some services, as you know, are not  
17 available locally.

18 We, as seniors, especially need the services  
19 of doctors, specialists, pharmacists, labs and so  
20 forth, which are located primarily in the other cities  
21 in Polk County. Therefore, it is vital that we have  
22 telephone service and it be accessible to those  
23 services and without confusion and toll charges. They  
24 also need to be able to reach us in a like manner.

25 For many years the citizens of Fort Meade

1 have only been able to call within their own city  
2 without paying long distance charges. With the  
3 additional charge which was added to our telephone  
4 bill, we are now able to call Bartow and Lakeland. We  
5 believe that placing us in a different area code will  
6 result in more charges. We ask that you please move  
7 the local access and transport area line south to  
8 include Fort Meade and keep us in the Polk County area  
9 code.

10 We also thank you for coming to Fort Meade  
11 and giving us the opportunity to voice our opinion.

12 (Applause)

13 MR. BECK: Jimmy Barfield.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I resigned. She just  
15 too your nose and twitched it. (Laughter and  
16 applause)

17 MR. BECK: Mike Steden.

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19 MIKE STEDEN

20 appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

21 DIRECT STATEMENT

22 MR. STEDEN: As I said this morning, when I  
23 moved to Fort Meade in '83, the only place you could  
24 call was Fort Meade. And when I called Avon Park,  
25 they said your phone bill will be only \$3.65. I said

1    heck, it should be free.  Every place I call is long  
2    distance.

3                   And let me say that the Public Service  
4    Commission was very understanding back then.  There  
5    was -- all of you remember there was a ballot.  And we  
6    lost on the ballot because enough people didn't send  
7    them in.  So we repealed it.  And then we got extended  
8    area service to Bartow.  And then in '95 we formed an  
9    Ad Hoc Committee with members of the community and  
10   again we prevailed with Charlie's boss, Jack Shreve,  
11   who was very, very helpful and got extended area  
12   service to Lakeland.

13                   I'd like to thank Charlie.  I'd like to  
14   thank June.  I'd like to thank all of you.  The simple  
15   fact was they weren't aware we existed, unfortunately,  
16   but this great showing, and all of the letters that  
17   you wrote, there's 20 times as many people as they  
18   were in Lakeland.  And, of course, the other thing is  
19   remember:  They go to public hearing in Fort Myers and  
20   nobody came.

21                   So, it's not an issue a lot of places.  But  
22   thanks to all of you -- and let me tell you that the  
23   Public Service Commission is very responsive.  As soon  
24   as June knew there was a problem, as soon as  
25   Charlie -- there were multiple letters.  And I

1 appreciate everybody cooperating in this. Thank you  
2 very much. (Applause)

3 MR. BECK: Alvin Mitchell.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I decline to speak.

5 MR. BECK: Altman.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I believe my question  
7 has been answered.

8 MR. BECK: Linda Michaels.

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10 LINDA MICHAELS

11 appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

12 DIRECT STATEMENT

13 MS. MICHAELS: I just wanted to let you know  
14 that from this end, this is from the kids of the  
15 households, On-Line America and Internet and stuff,  
16 and they are -- what they would have to pay a long  
17 distance fee for the different -- if they got  
18 different lines -- (Simultaneous conversation.)

19 MR. BECK: Come up here so everybody can  
20 hear you.

21 MS. MICHAELS: I apologize.

22 My name is Linda Michaels, and I live at 115  
23 North Orange in Fort Meade, Florida.

24 I'm just letting you know -- I just brought  
25 some signed vouchers in for my daughter's school and

1 everything. They are on On-Line America which they  
2 have to pay a long distance fee if it's changed  
3 because it goes through Lakeland. And that's what  
4 this is all about for her. And I think they are very  
5 upset with having to pay a long distance fee to go on  
6 line. When you're On-Line America, you don't have to  
7 pay but a certain amount, like \$25 a month. And you  
8 can stay on it all day long. But if we had to go to  
9 long distance for Lakeland or anything like that, she  
10 couldn't stay on the line. There was no way.

11 So the question has been answered. I'm very  
12 pleased with the opportunity to speak and give you my  
13 vouchers. I think there's about 75 there, from  
14 schools; kids. They were very upset with this  
15 situation too, so --. (Applause)

16 MR. BECK: Floyd Anderson. (No audible  
17 response.) Is there anybody else who would like to  
18 speak?

19 Come up and give your name.

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21 COMMISSIONER BETTY BOWERS JOHNSON  
22 appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

23 DIRECT STATEMENT

24 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: My name is -- first  
25 of all I'd like to say I am standing up. (Laughter)

1 I used to get that when I first approached an  
2 audience.

3           Anyway, my name is Betty Bowers Johnson. I  
4 am a city commissioner. And I do represent all of  
5 these people out here and others.

6           We do want to say once again to all of you  
7 thank you so very much. When I came here Jed didn't  
8 want me to say anything too much because he thinks I  
9 might do some shopping. But I do want to say to you  
10 thank you for considering us. We're tired of being  
11 referred to as "down there," and now you see they want  
12 to push us out, so we want you to let us stay within  
13 the rest of the county and keep our community intact  
14 and in contact with all the rest of the communities in  
15 Polk County. We don't want to go to Hardee. And  
16 thank you for sure for not putting us in Highlands.  
17 (Laughter)

18           I do that because I know him. We have had  
19 some long talks and run-ins before about our telephone  
20 system here in the Fort Meade. Now, if you people  
21 just want some -- from all of those taxes you have a  
22 bill with the (unintelligible) -- (Applause and  
23 laughter)

24           MR. BECK: Is there anybody else that would  
25 like to speak? We'll move on.



1 MS. SHELFER: I did want to clarify one  
2 thing. Even if you have not been moved in, nothing  
3 would have changed on your calling scape. You still  
4 would have been able to call Lakeland toll free. The  
5 amount of numbers that you may have dialed may have  
6 changed but the rate that you pay would not have.

7 Based on what, the information that Sprint  
8 has provided where they are willing to include  
9 Fort Meade in the 941 area code, does that appear to  
10 resolve most of the concerns?

11 THE AUDIENCE: Yes. (Applause)

12 MS. SHELFER: I know there are some more  
13 Sprint representatives here. If you want to identify  
14 yourself, if you wish to speak with them. Also we  
15 have technical Staff, Mr. Levent Ileri is our area  
16 code expert. Michael Barret beside him is technical  
17 support. Ms. McKinney is our legal staff. So if  
18 there's anything, any questions we can answer, please  
19 let us know. And thank you very much for coming.

20 (Applause)

21 (Tape ends here.)

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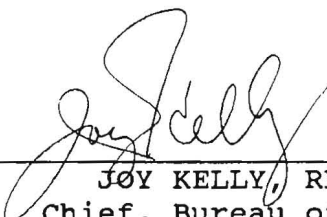
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