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June 7, 1999

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (WATTS) *CBW*

RE: ~~990184~~ 990184-TL - Request for review of proposed numbering plan relief for the 941 area code.

DOCKET NO. 990184-TL - Investigation into boundary issues in South Sarasota and North Charlotte Counties (Englewood area).

DOCKET NO. 981941-TL - Investigation into telephone exchange boundary issues in South Polk County (Ft. Meade area).

Attached is a **LETTER DATED 5/19/99 FROM MS. SHARON COKER (AND PSC RESPONSE DATED 6/7/99)** to be issued in the above-referenced docket.

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 Attachment
 cc: Division of Communications

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Public Service Commission

June 7, 1999

Ms. Sharon D. Coker
2302 S.E. Mooney Drive
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Re: Docket No. 990223-TL - Request for review of proposed numbering plan relief for
941 Area Code

Dear Ms. Coker:

Thank you for your letter dated May 19, 1999, to the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the proposed relief for the 941 area code. We truly appreciate your interest and willingness to work with the Florida Public Service Commission in this effort.

As you may now be aware, the Florida Public Service Commission held six workshops in this area and five public hearings regarding the 941 area code plan before deciding how to resolve a number shortage in this area. At its May 18th Agenda Conference, the Commission voted to introduce a new area code in Polk, Hardee, Okeechobee, Highlands, Desoto, Glades, and Hendry counties. The remaining counties will retain the 941 area code. We recognize the growing problem of telephone number shortages and have petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for additional authority to address number conservation issues. We appreciate your sharing your views and opinions about the new area code. We will place your letter as a comment letter in this docket file.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6199. Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clintina B. Watts".

Clintina B. Watts
Staff Counsel

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MEMO

TO: The Florida Public Service Commission

FROM: Sharon D. Coker
2302 S. E. Mooney Drive
Arcadia, Florida 34266
Phone: 941-494-0455

SUBJECT: Suggestions for New Area Codes

Date: 05/19/99

I realize that with the continuous demand for new telephone lines caused by cell phones, fax machines, and computers the lack of sufficient telephone numbers is a major problem.

However, the changing of area codes every couple years places quite a burden on businesses that have to have new stationery, business cards, etc., printed up, not to mention the problem with remembering the "new" area codes when telephoning someone.

I do not know if this would work, but can new area codes be put in place only for cell phones, dedicated fax machines, and dedicated computer phone lines. That seems to me to be less of a problem than frequently changing every phone line area code.

Another thought is going ahead and set up one or two area codes for each of the large counties, one area code for each of the medium size counties, and an area code for each two or three small counties.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Counties throughout Florida have countywide toll free dialing, and

WHEREAS, The lack of countywide toll free dialing is a detriment to Highlands County's economic development efforts; and

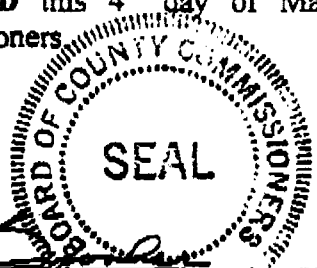
WHEREAS, The lack of countywide toll free dialing is particularly injurious to Highlands County's low to moderate income residents because accessing public and private assistance often requires long distance calls; and

WHEREAS, Countywide toll free dialing promotes a beneficial sense of cooperation between communities.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners does hereby urge the Florida Public Service Commission to deny any rate increase or rate restructure that would result in higher rates for calls within Highlands County. Be it further resolved that the Florida Public Service Commission is requested to promote the initiation of countywide toll free dialing in all of Highlands County.

ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 1999 by Highlands County Board of County Commissioners

Attest:



[Signature]
Luke Brooker, Clerk of Courts
Clerk of Courts

[Signature]
James L. Gose, Chairman
Highlands County Board of County Commissioners