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**Public Service Commission**

June 4, 1999

Chairman Mac V. Horton  
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Re: Docket No. 981941-TL - In re: Investigation into telephone exchange boundary issues in South Polk County (Ft. Meade area).

Docket No. 990184-TL - In re: Investigation into boundary issues in South Sarasota and North Charlotte Counties (Englewood area).

Docket No. ~~990223~~-TL - In re: Request for review of proposed numbering plan relief for the 941 area code.

Docket No. 981444-TL - In re: Number Utilization Study: Investigation into Number Conservation Measures.

Docket No. 990373-TL - In re: Establishment of a statewide emergency area code relief plan.

Dear Chairman Horton:

Ms. McKinney is no longer with the Public Service Commission. Your letter to her of May 14, 1999, was referred to me for response. As you may know, the Commission decided at its May 18, 1999, agenda conference to separate Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, and Monroe counties from the other counties assigned the 941 area code, and a new area code, 863, has now been assigned to the remaining counties, Polk, Hardee, Desoto, Highland, Glades, Okeechobee, and Hendry. Your letter also addresses telephone number distribution. The Commission is already investigating this issue in two dockets. The first addresses number utilization and number conservation measures (Docket No. 981444-TP). The attorney assigned to that docket is Will Cox. The second is a statewide emergency area code relief plan that is following an expedited schedule (Docket 990373-TP). I have been assigned to that docket. Please let us know if you would like further information on either of these dockets.

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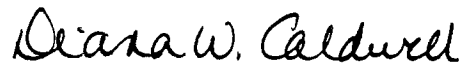
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The emergency area code relief proceeding is limited. It will determine whether telephone numbers should be distributed consecutively, beginning with the lowest assignable number and, if not, what alternative interim mechanism for number administration would be appropriate. Several telecommunications companies have filed a proposed resolution of this matter which the Commission will consider in the near future.

Your interest in these matters is appreciated. Please let us know if you would like to be placed on the interested persons list for either docket. I may be reached at (850) 413-6175 if you have any questions or further comment.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. McKinney:

At last Tuesday's Board of County Commission meeting, Commissioners met to present the recommendation of your staff concerning the 941 area code. Your recommendation of dividing the 941 area code into two areas with Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, Hardee and DeSoto counties making up the new area code is acceptable. We (like everyone else) would rather keep 941, but the fact that we should have 7 to 8 years before we need to address this again will help make the change easier.

During the hearing, many references were made to large blocks of numbers being set aside to accommodate different representatives of the communication industry. It appears to laymen, such as myself, that this could play a big part of your number shortage problem. Charlotte County would like to encourage you to direct your staff to investigate and, if possible, restrict the amount of numbers lost to the general public.

I wish to commend you on the method and manner the public hearing was conducted. You encouraged participation and were also very objective in your consideration of our concerns. Thank you for displaying such professionalism.

Sincerely,

Mac V. Horton, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners

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