

Before the
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

In re:

Request to provide a 90-day extension of time for permissive 7 or 10 digit dialing for the 971, 926, 943 and 946 NNXs in the 954 area code.

Docket No. 990457 - TL

**Petition of
Coastal Security Systems, Inc.**

Coastal Security Systems, Inc., acting on its own behalf, petitions the Florida Public Service Commission to provide a 90-day extension of time for permissive 7 or 10 digit dialing for the 971, 926, 943 and 946 NNXs in the 954 area code.

I. CASE BACKGROUND

By Order No. PSC-OO-1937-PAA-TL, issued October 20, 2000, in Docket No. 990457-TL, the Commission approved an area code overlay relief plan for the 954 area code, but withheld the implementation dates pending the outcome of various number conservation measures. Currently, the majority of available central office codes (NXX) between the Broward County exchanges (954 area code) and the Palm Beach County exchanges (561 area code) are protected due to code conflicts. At the time of the Commission's vote, there were only 12 of 119 NXXs in the 954 area code that could be assigned, and only 6 of 143 NXXs in the 561 area code that could be assigned in these exchanges. On June 28,

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2001, the Commission issued Order No, PSC-01-1403-PCO-TL and approved implementation dates for the area code overlay to eliminate the code conflicts and provide numbering resources for the 954 and 561 area codes. The Commission ordered that permissive 7 or 10-digit dialing would begin on August 1, 2001, and mandatory 10-digit dialing would begin on April 1, 2002. The Commission also ordered the affected Local Exchange Companies (LEC) to send a letter to alarm monitoring companies nine months before the mandatory dialing period advising them of the need to reprogram their equipment.

On August 1, 2001, Coastal Security Systems began the process of reprogramming the security, fire and other alarm systems pursuant to the Commission's order. Coastal Security Systems hired three service technicians and dedicated them to the project. Coastal Security Systems has been in business since 1971 and has a significant amount of older equipment that requires a technician to have a very high level of experience in order to carry out the reprogramming task. It was not possible for Coastal Security Systems to locate and hire additional technicians to complete the task by the Commission's April 1, 2002 deadline. As of the date of this petition, 3630 accounts have been successfully reprogrammed, 556 have been scheduled for reprogramming before the April 1, 2002 deadline, and 1243 accounts will not be reprogrammed in time.


II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED RELIEF

Permissive 7 or 10 digit dialing for the 971, 926, 943 and 946 NNXs in the 954 area code shall be extended until July 1, 2002.

III. CONCLUSION

To provide continuous central station monitoring of the 1243 security systems that cannot be reprogrammed in time, we ask that the Commission approve the extension.

Respectfully submitted,



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