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Dear Sir:

This file refers to Docket No.930173-TL.
As required, we are submitting an original $\& 15$ copies of our testimony \& exhibits for your consideration.

We understand this direct testimony is due in your office by February 26,1996.

If you have any further questions, please direct them to my attention, as follows:

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John Hilkin
235 Jackson Park Ave.
Davenport,FL. 33837
Phone: 941-424-1787
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CMU We sincerely appreciate all your consideration in this matter.

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SEC 1CC: Miss D. Canzano
Bell South; GTE; United; Vista United
WAS $\rightarrow$ ps. We understand we have been granted extra time for due date now
OTH _ of March ll. However, this file will suffice.

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        JOHN B. HILKIN
        ON BEHALF OF
        POLO PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSN.
        AND
        SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
    DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN B. HILKIN
Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.
A. My name is John B. Hilkin. I reside at 235 Jackson Park

Avenue in Polo Park. My mailing address is Davenport, F1. 33837
Q. WHO DO YOU REPRESENT?

I am the acting President of Polo Park Homeowners Association. Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
A. On behalf of Polo Park, some 640 homes, as well as some 32 surrounding residential communities in the Four Corners area, I seek to have Extended Area telephone Service to basically four metropolitan areas or routes. We want to eliminate the long distance toll charges for calls between the 424 exchange and the four metro. areas or routes.
Q. HAVE YOU ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN EXTENDED AREA SERVICE BEFORE?
A. No. This is our first request under docket No. 930173-TL.
Q. DESCRIBE THE "FOUR CORNERS" AREA.
A. Polo Park, and the surrounding residential communities, sit at the corners of Polk, Osceola, Lake and Orange counties. (SEE EXHIBIT "A").

EXHIBIT "B" shows the distances we are from the metro. areas from which we are seeking relief.

EXHIBIT "C" shows some 33 residential communities in the Four Corners area, including Polo Park but excluding Disney's Celebration city. EXHIBIT "D" indicates the area codes that are faffected by this request.
Q. WHAT IS YOUR BASIC POSITION IN THIS PROCEEDING?
A. The telephone service is an integral part of our every day life. Our communities have not only young families but early retirees, retirees and elderly folks on fixed incomes with all kinds of needs, desires and services on a daily basis. I will address this issue at the Pre-Hearing Conference.
Q. DO YOU HAVE AN EXHIBIT WHICH ILLUSTRATES THE GEOGRAPHY INVOLVED?
A. We will refer to EXHIBIT "C" to illustrate the number of communities affected and the number of households impacted by the present telephone service charges.
Q. DO YOU HAVE AN EXHIBIT WHICH SHOWS THE TRAFFIC PATTERNS BETWEEN THE 424 EXCHANGE AND THE FOUR METRO. AREAS?
A. Yes. EXHIBIT "E" will illustrate the patterns of usage and the types of calls from only a small number of Polo Park residents( Approx. 95), both personal and business, being made on a regular basis from the 424 exchange to these 4 metro. areas. This does NOT include any patterns of usage from any of the other 32 communities.
Q. DO YOU HAVE A STATEMENT ON THE POLICY QUESTION OF
" POCKET AREAS" ?
A. We believe the problem of Pocket Areas, which has not been addressed by telephone companies apparently in the past, and appears to be a first time situation today, should be diven special consideration from normal docket procedures.
Q. WOULD THE RESIDENTS IN THE FOUR CORNERS AREA AGREE TO AN INCREASE IN THEIR RATES TO OBTAIN EXTENDED AREA SERVICE? I believe the residents, based on a survey we have taken in Polo Park, would be amenable to either a flat increase per month, so long as it was not excessive, or a $\$ 0.25$ charge per call, whichever charge has the least economic impact on the subscribers.

We recognize the telephone companies need to recover their costs for making changes and providing services but we would hope that any increase would not be excessive.
Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
A. Yes.


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FOUR CORNERS
REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.


> ExHib,T "B"



By Eric Pera

TheLedger
LOUGHMAN - Houses may be mushrooming in the remote reaches of northeast Polk County but anyone looking for a pound of the tasty fungi, or even a quart of milk, faces at least a 20 -minute drive.

Residents are finding one drawback to life on the fringe - it's a long haul to the nearest grocery.

Some day - and that day may be sooner than most think - the Four Corners area will be rife with shopping, developers and county planners say.

Grocers already are closing in on the area. Gooding's opened a store several months ago on U.S. 192. Publix Super-Markets Inc. is building a store on U.S. 192, about nine miles from Loughman, closer to Kissimmee.

Another Publix is planned this year at the U.S. 27 and 192 intersection at the PolkLake County line.

Haines City, about 10 miles south, .has plenty of choices.

Sunday, February 18, 1996

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And there have been inquiries by Publix and Winn-Dixie about property at U.S. 27 and County Road 54 in Polk.

But so far, grocery chains appear to be picky about tapping into the market closer to Loughman - a market projected to be nearing 20,000 people in four to five years.

The big question for grocers and other business interests, according to Jim Malless, a Polk planner, is "when will there be enough customers?"
"It's going to happen when there's a market," he said. "When there's enough people."

The most recent population estimate of a section of Polk north of Interstate 4 along U.S. 27 to 192, and east to Loughman, is 11,449 residents. That includes single-family homes, mobile homes and RVs.



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