In Re: Petition by the residents)
of Polo Park requesting extended)
area service(EAS) between the)
Haines City exchange and the Orlando)
W. Kissimmee(Kissimmee), Lake Buena)
Vista, Windemere, Reedy Creek, Winter)
Park, Clermont, Winter Garden & St.)
Cloud exchanges

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POST HEARING BRIEF OF POLO PARK RESIDENTS

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.056(3), F.A.C. and the prehearing conference May 30,1996 in Tallahassee Before Commissioner Julia L. Johnson, as pre-hearing officer, the Polo Park residents file this brief. Certain issues will not be addressed in this brief as our position has not changed since filing our pre-hearing statement March 22, 1996.

ISSUE 1: Is there a sufficient community of interest on the routes listed in Table A to justify surveying for nonoptional extended area service as currently defined in the Commission rules, or implementing an alternative interLATA toll plan?

Based on the exhibits A,B,C,C2,D & E, filed by Polo Park residents and included in pre-hearing statement of issues & positions(also reference Composite Exhibit # 8,page 201, at June 14 public hearing), as well as an outpouring of approximately 550 residents during public hearing sessions June 14,1996, it would appear that a sufficient community of interest has been established.

It would now appear the overall strong feeling of Polo Park residents(as well as the hearing witnesses) is that an alternative non-optional ECS plan, with a set per call charge would be the most appropriate to solve our serious toll call problems.

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ISSUE 2: What other community of interest factors should be considered in determining if either an optional or nonoptional toll alternative should be implemented on these routes.

It would appear, based on testimony of approximately 50 witnesses appearing at the public hearing June 14,1996 that their need to call specific doctors, hospitals, foodstores, drugstores, employers, restaurants, friends and relatives, et al, that a toll call charge is incurred, that a strong community of interest was emphatically demonstrated. The majority of the witnesses, based on the tenor of their testimony, would tend to favor a non-optional alternative ECS plan.

Practically all witnesses expressed, to some degree, their sense of frustration with the fact they are required to pay long distances tolls to talk to neighboring areas, sometimes just a ½ mile away, or just across the highway, to obtain the necessary and essential services for their lives and livelihood.

CONCLUSION

After careful study and analysis of our problem, we believe a non-optional alternative ECS plan, with a set charge per call, would best serve the residents of Polo Park and the other 32 surrounding communities of the Four Corners area.

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