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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
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Re: Docket No. 961103-TL (4)
Petition for numbering plan area relief for 904 area
code by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and 15 copies of the Prehearing Statement on behalf of St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunications and Florida Telecommunications. Copies have been provided to parties shown on the Certificate of Service.

This Prehearing Statement was due to be filed on November 22, 1996, pursuant to the procedural order in this docket, but Staff Counsel has agreed with the undersigned that the pleading can be filed this date, and the undersigned requests that the Commission accept the filing.

Sincerely,

David B. Erwin

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for numbering)
plan area relief for 904 area)
code by BellSouth Telecommuni-)
cations, Inc.)

Docket No. 961153-TL

Filed: November 26, 1996

**ST. JOSEPH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, GULF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND FLORALA TELECOMMUNICATIONS PREHEARING STATEMENT**

St. Joseph Telecommunications, Gulf Telecommunications and Florala Telecommunications hereby file this Prehearing Statement pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-1324-PCO-TL, in the above captioned docket.

A. **WITNESS:** Donald D. Bowden - All issues

B. **EXHIBITS:** None

C. **BASIC POSITION:** St. Joseph companies support Option 1A, which assigns a new NPA to the Jacksonville and Daytona LATAs, but if the Commission rejects Option 1A, then there should be a three-way split with the Jacksonville and Daytona LATAs each receiving a new NPA, while the Tallahassee, Panama City and Pensacola LATAs remain with the 904 area code.

D. **ISSUES:** The St. Joseph companies' positions on the issues identified in the Order Establishing Procedure are as follows:

Issue 1: What geographic split plan for 904 area code relief should be ordered by the Commission?

St. Joseph Telecommunications Companies' Position: Same as basic position.

Issue 2: How and when should the area code relief be implemented?

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St. Joseph Telecommunications Companies' Position: The 904 NPA relief should be implemented in accordance with the time table set forth in BellSouth's Petition. Permissive dialing should begin February 24, 1997, and mandatory dialing should begin February 23, 1998.

QUESTIONS OF LAW: None.

POLICY QUESTIONS: None.

STIPULATED ISSUES: The St. Joseph companies are not aware of any issues that have been stipulated at this time.

PENDING MOTIONS: The St. Joseph companies have no pending motions at this time.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: The St. Joseph companies know of no requirements set forth in the Prehearing Order with which they have not complied.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent by U.S. Mail or hand delivery to the following parties of record, this 26th day of November, 1996.

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