

VOTE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 950814-TL - Request for approval of tariff filing proposing cellular service for Dog Island by St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company. (T-95-404 filed 6/26/95)

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the experimental tariff to provide cellular link local access telephone service to the customers on Dog Island as a permanent tariff?

Recommendation: No. The cellular link local access telephone service to customers on Dog Island is not cost effective, is not of adequate quality, and is not equal to the service provided other St. Joseph subscribers as Section 364.08(1), Florida Statutes, requires. Also, the company has proposed replacing the cellular service with radio and copper distribution service. Therefore, the tariff should not be made permanent, but should remain in effect until St. Joseph provides telephone service to the island as recommended in Issue 2.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve the Company's proposal to construct Spread Spectrum Radio service to Dog Island and copper distribution facilities and DLC on the island to provide switched local exchange telephone service?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission needs to ensure that St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company provides telephone service to Dog Island subscribers per Section 364.15, Florida Statutes. As discussed in Issue 1, St. Joseph needs to provide its Dog Island subscribers service equal to the wireline service provided to its other Carrabelle subscribers. Staff believes that the Company's proposal to install Spread Spectrum Radio service with copper distribution and DLC on the island will provide such service, once it is fully operational and once it has passed staff's service evaluation tests. Staff recommends that the Commission order the company to report quarterly on its efforts to gain Dog Island Conservation District approval for the construction on Dog Island, and on the completion status of the items on its timetable for providing Spread Spectrum Radio service to Dog Island. The report should include the name of an official contact for the Dog Island Conservation District with respect to St. Joseph's application. Staff recommends that the company provide the proposed service within one year from the date of the Commission Order approving the company's proposal. Staff engineers should conduct a service evaluation 120 to 180 days after this radio/copper service is provided to St. Joseph subscribers, to confirm that satisfactory service is being provided.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should not be closed until St. Joseph provides telephone service to Dog Island residents that is adequate and equal to the service provided other Carrabelle subscribers.

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