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Dear Mr. Caleen:

Thanks,  
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I am very appreciative of your time and consideration in meeting with Dave and I Tuesday in your office. Hopefully after we have completed our engineering which includes the propagation study we discussed, we can meet with the Nature Conservancy and others with a plan that will be acceptable to all. We feel the plan discussed with you meets both the requirements for good telephone service and the concerns for the environment.

Mr. Phil Trubelhorn with the Florida Public Service Commission asked that I respond to the following items in your letter to him dated September 26, 1997.

1. Why we did not send notice to the Dog Island customers of the Agenda Conference September 9, 1997.

Response: We do not normally send notice to customers of items that are on the agenda for an Agenda Conference. Normally the Agenda Conference and items to be discussed are included in the administrative weekly and in most cases those actually involved are aware of the Agenda. There certainly was not any intent on our part to prevent knowledge of the Agenda Conference being available to anyone.

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2. The questions concerning construction in the Item number two of your letter.

Response: We discussed all of these items in our conversation and I will only provide a brief synopsis here.

(i) We have no plans to place any towers on the Island. We do anticipate placing three poles, one behind the fire station, one at Mr. Stoutamire's home in Cannon Ball Acres, and one on Mr. Frazee's property on the west end of the Island. The exact location and height will be determined by the propagation study that is to be made. No lighting will be required.

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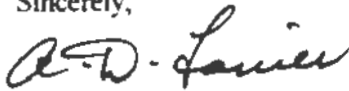
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- (ii) We feel there will be less environmental impact with buried construction. It will not be visible except where we place a pedestal along the road. The existing power poles have some long spans that would involve our setting additional poles to maintain the ground clearance required and still be located far enough from the power lines to meet safety requirements. As you are aware the existing power lines are located off the roads and construction would require work in areas off the roads. Also buried construction will be less susceptible to adverse weather conditions. We do anticipate a minor amount of aerial construction on the Island near Mr. Frazee and possibly some in the area near Mr. Stoutamire.
- (iii) We anticipate plowing the cable in the existing roads with a plow that will knife through the soil and lay the cable at the same time. After the cable is placed the plow line can be closed by running at tire of a vehicle over it. We plan to plow the cable to a depth of 42 inches. The pedestals will be placed a few feet off the road with consideration given to vegetation. A trench approximately 4 inches wide will be made from the plow line in the road to the pedestal. Every attempt will be made to avoid any more environmental impact than is absolutely necessary. The drops will be plowed from the pedestal to the houses using the existing road and the driveways. The drops will be placed at a depth of 24 inches.

Again, I thank you for your time and consideration. When the engineering is completed we anticipate meeting with the Nature Conservancy to discuss our plans with them and seek their permission to proceed.

If you have any question, or desire to contact me please call me at 850-229-7326

Sincerely,



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Director-Network Engineering

cc: Mr. Phil Trubelhorn