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August 28, 1996

BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Petition by subscribers of the Groveland
exchange for extended area service (EAS)
to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and
Windermere exchanges - Docket No. 941281-TL

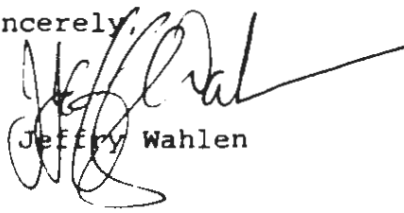
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled docket are the
original and fifteen (15) copies of Sprint-United's Brief on Legal
Issue.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping
the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this
writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



J. Jeffrey Wahlen

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BRIEF ON LEGAL ISSUE

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-1033-PCO-TL, United Telephone Company of Florida ("Sprint-United") submits the following as its brief on the legal issue raised in that Order:

1. As noted in the Staff Recommendation, dated July 2, 1996, it appears that Bell operating companies are prohibited from originating interLATA traffic until they meet certain conditions. Section 272 of the 1996 Act imposes additional requirements on a BOC seeking to enter the interexchange business.

2. Therefore, it appears that the Commission cannot order the implementation of either EAS or ECS on the Groveland to Orlando route at this time.

DATED this 28th day of August, 1996.



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