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DATE: December 23, 1996
TO: Parties of Record
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB/mb*
Division of Records and Reporting
RE: Docket No. 961153-TL - Petition for numbering plan area relief for 904 area code by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

This is to inform you that the Chairman has reported the following communication in the above referenced docket.

- Letter from State Representative George Crady dated November 22, 1996, and the Chairman's response.

The letter from Representative Crady and the Chairman's response, copies of which are attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

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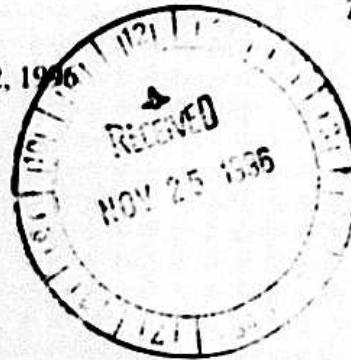
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November 22, 1996



Ms. Susan F. Clark
Chairwoman, Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Clark:

It has recently come to my attention that the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is considering changing the area code for the Jacksonville Local Access and Transfer Area (LATA). As I understand the situation, the Panhandle of Florida would continue using the 904 area code, while Jacksonville would be assigned the new 850 area code. I am writing to express my reservations about this plan and to suggest a better alternative.

The Jacksonville and Daytona LATA comprises a majority of the population of the business and residential customers in the current 904 area code. The economic inconvenience that would be placed on the businesses and governmental entities of Northeast Florida would be disproportionately greater due to the size and quantity of the small, medium, and large businesses in this region.

It would, therefore, seem more logical to allow the Jacksonville and Daytona LATA to remain within the 904 calling zone, while assigning the new 850 area code to the less populated western Panhandle.

Thank you for your consideration of the ideas that I have suggested, and please contact me if I can be of any further assistance on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

George Crady
Representative, District 12

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Public Service Commission

December 18, 1996

The Honorable George Crady
Representative, District 12
Florida House of Representatives
823 U.S. Highway 17
Yulee, Florida 32097

Dear Representative Crady:

Thank you for your letter of November 22, 1996, outlining your concerns with the possible change in the area code for Jacksonville from 904 to 850. The area covered by the 904 area code extends across the northern part of Florida and includes the Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Panama City and Pensacola areas. The present 904 area code is expected to run out of numbers in the second quarter of 1998 and some relief plan must be implemented prior to that date.

The Florida Public Service Commission was petitioned by BellSouth to make a decision and order a specific plan of relief. In November, the Commission held public hearings in the five cities listed above to enable citizens to express their opinions. A final hearing on this matter was held on December 9, 1996. The evidence gathered in this hearing along with the testimony from the public hearings and letters such as yours will be weighed by the Commission staff who will make a recommendation to the Commission. The Commission is currently scheduled to decide on the appropriate relief plan at its January 21, 1997, Agenda Conference.

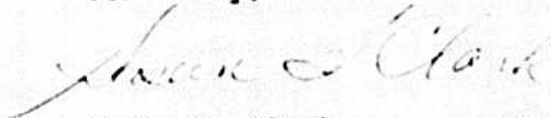
As you noted, one of the proposed plans would change the area code for the Jacksonville area; however, others would not. I am attaching a bulletin that the Commission distributed at its public hearings to give you more information about the various proposals currently before the Commission.

I am unable to comment on the merits of this case because it is a pending docket. Also, Florida Law requires that I place a copy of your letter and my response on the record of the proceeding and allow the parties an opportunity to respond.

The Honorable George Crady
December 18, 1996
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If you or your staff should have any questions, please call Mr. Stan Greer of the Commission's Division of Communications at (904) 413-6562.

Sincerely,



Susan F. Clark
Chairman

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DATE: December 18, 1996

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Susan Clark, Chairman *ATC*

RE: Docket No. 961153-TL

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I have attached a copy of a letter of November 22, 1996, from Florida State Representative George Crady, which references matters at issue in the above proceeding. Please place this memorandum and attachment on the record. Also, please give notice of this communication to all parties to the dockets and inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice in which to file a response.