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Department of Public Affairs

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Commissioner Terry Deason, Chairman, and Members, Public Service Commission

From:

Robert Weisman, P.E., County Administrator,

Palm Beach County

Re:

Docket No. 921193-TL - March 8, 1994:

Palm Beach County Extended Area Service (EAS)

Date:

March 2, 1994

Thank you for your consideration in honoring our request for deferral of the above-captioned Proposed Agency Action until March 8, 1994. Over the past two weeks, we have continued our discussions with the Office of Public Counsel and representatives of the Public Service Commission.

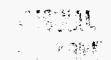
The Public Counsel has proposed that revenues from the recent settlement of a rate case with Southern Bell be applied to pay a portion of the charge to be placed on EAS subscribers. The settlement provides a pool of money to be used statewide for unspecified rate reductions. The attached Resolution, which was approved unanimously by our Board of County Commissioners on March 1, endorses the proposal to use settlement revenues to reduce the cost of EAS. We believe it is in the best interest of our Palm Beach County's residents to seek local application at this time.

cc: Mary McCarty, Chair, and Members,
Board of County Commissioners
Bill Talbott, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
Jack Shreve, Public Counsel
Ann Shelfer, Public Service Commission
Joe Mount, County Attorney
Bob Banks, Assistant County Attorney
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RESOLUTION NO. R-94-623

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER ORDER NO. PSC-93-1828-FOF-TL AND REDUCE PROPOSED RATES FOR NON-OPTIONAL TWO-WAY EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR BELLE GLADE, PAHOKEE, DELRAY BEACH AND BOCA RATON TELEPHONE EXCHANGES TO WEST PALM BEACH, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County requested that the Public Service Commission consider Extended Area Service for the residents of Palm Beach County in Resolution No. 92-1202; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission has considered this request in Docket No. 921193-TL; and

WHEREAS, Florida Public Service Commission Order No. PSC-93-1828-FOF-TL, issued December 27, 1993, proposed surveys of the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach and Boca Raton exchanges for non-optional, two-way extended area service to West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the order proposed that subscribers in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach and Boca Raton exchanges pay for 25% of Southern Bell's toll loss in addition to regrouping and "25/25" additives; and

WHEREAS, the normal policy of the Florida Public Service Commission in cases requesting extended area service requires subscribers to pay only for regrouping and "25/25" additives; and

WHEREAS, the reason cited in the order for requiring subscribers in the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach and Boca Raton exchanges to pay an additional amount for Southern Bell's toll loss was that without it, the loss to Southern Bell could create upward pressure on local rates; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the issuance of the order, Southern Bell and the Public Counsel reached a settlement of Southern Bell's rate case which caps local rates at current levels through the end of 1997; and

WHEREAS, there is currently available \$10 million per year effective July 1, 1994, an additional \$25 million per year

effective October 1, 1995, and an additional \$48 million per year effective October 1, 1996, of Southern Bell's revenues for unspecified rate reductions or other relief for Southern Bell's customers; and

WHEREAS, these revenues are available to offset any loss Southern Bell might experience as a result of implementing extended area service in Palm Beach County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County requests the Florida Public Service Commission to reconsider Order No. PSC-93-1828-FOF-TL issued December 27, 1993, and reduce the proposed rates for nonoptional extended area telephone service for the Belle Glade, Pahokee, Delray Beach and Boca Raton exchanges to West Palm Beach, to reflect no more than regrouping and "25/25" additives.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner The ROBERTS who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner MARCUS and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

> MARY McCARTY AYE KEN L. FOSTER ABSENT KAREN T. MARCUS AYE CAROL A. ROBERTS AYE WARREN H. NEWELL AYE BURT AARONSON MAUDE FORD LEE AYE

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 1994.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS

By June M. Muller geputy Clerk

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RATES FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY CUSTOMERS--EAS

RESIDENCE

EXCHANGE	PRESENT RATE	25/25 PLAN WITH REGROUPING	25/25, REGROUPING PLUS TOLL RECOVERY
Belle Glade	\$8.10	\$12.25	\$14.04
Pahokee	\$8.10	\$12.25	\$14,11
Boca Raton	\$10.30	\$13.10	\$14.04
Delray Bch	\$9.80	\$12.90	\$14.07
Boynton Bch	\$10.05	\$12.74	\$12.74
West Palm Beach*	\$10.05	\$10.30	\$10.30

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EXCHANGE	PRESENT RATE	25/25 PLAN WITH REGROUP	ING	25/25, REGROUP PLUS TOLL RECO	–
Beile Glade	\$23	.25	\$33.25		\$38.15
Pahokee	\$21	90	\$33.25		\$38.33
Boca Raton	\$28.	00	\$35.75		\$39.03
Delray Bch	\$26.	60	\$35.25	i	\$38.50
Boynton Bch	\$27.	40	\$34.83		\$34.83
West Palm Beach*	\$27.	40	\$28.00		\$28.00

^{*}Assumes that West Paim Beach will regroup from Group 9 to Group 10

ATTACHMENT 2

