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OCTOBER 7, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 941281-TL - Petition by subscribers of the Groveland exchange for extended area service (EAS) to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and Windermere exchanges.

Issue 1: In light of the FCC's July 15, 1997, Order 97-244, should the Commission proceed with consideration of the evidence in this docket? Recommendation: Yes. FCC Order 97-244 indicates that the FCC will continue to consider requests for waiver of the LATA boundaries in order to allow the provision of flat-rate, non-optional local calling service. Thus, staff recommends that the Commission proceed with consideration of the evidence in this docket.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: JN CL KS

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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Issue 2: Is there a sufficient community of interest from the Groveland exchange to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and Windermere exchanges to justify surveying for nonoptional EAS as defined in the Commission's rules, or implementing an alternative interLATA toll plan?

Recommendation: Yes. Based on the testimony of the Groveland subscribers, staff believes there is a sufficient community of interest to warrant surveying the Groveland subscribers for nonoptional EAS to the Orlando, Winter Garden and Windermere exchanges. Since the Winter Garden and Windermere exchanges were included to avoid leapfrogging, staff believes it is appropriate to have only one ballot which includes all three exchanges.

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Issue 3: What other community of interest factors should be considered in determining if either an optional or nonoptional toll alternative should be implemented on these routes?

Recommendation: Other factors could include location of schools, fire and police departments, medical and emergency facilities, access to local government, location of workplace, access to goods and services, such as shopping centers, and location of social activities (theater, sports, etc).

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Issue 4: If a sufficient community of interest is found on any of these routes, what is the economic impact of each plan on the customer and the company (summarize in chart form and discuss in detail)?

- a) EAS with 25/25 plan and regrouping;
- b) InterLATA toll alternative plan; and
- c) Other (specify)

Recommendation:

- a) If EAS with the 25/25 plan and regrouping were approved on these routes, the residential rates would increase from \$8.37 to \$12.60, an increase of \$3.87. Business customers' rates would increase from \$20.47 to \$29.60 an increase of \$9.13.
- b) If ECS were approved, the subscribers in the Groveland exchange would not realize an increase in basic local rates. However, if a customer chose to use ECS, residential customers would be charged \$.25 per call regardless of duration, and business calls would be rated at \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute.
- c) Staff does not support any other plans.

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Issue 5: Should subscribers be required to pay an additive as a prerequisite to surveying for extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan? If so, how much of an additive is required and how long should it last?

Recommendation: Yes. If the Commission determines that the Groveland subscribers should be balloted for EAS, the subscribers should be required to pay an additive. Specifically, the subscribers should be balloted for EAS under the 25/25 plan with regrouping. The 25/25 additive should remain in effect for no more than four years, at which time this additive should be removed. If ECS is determined to be appropriate, no additive should be imposed.

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Issue 6: If a sufficient community of interest is found, what are the appropriate rates and charges for the plan to be implemented on these routes?

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the rates for EAS be determined under the 25/25 plan with regrouping. Groveland subscribers would be balloted for EAS at the rates listed in Table B of staff's September 25, 1997 memorandum.

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Issue 7: If extended area service or an alternative interLATA toll plan is determined to be appropriate, should the customers be surveyed?

Recommendation: If EAS is determined to be appropriate, the Groveland customers should be balloted for nonoptional, flat rate, two-way EAS to the Orlando, Winter Garden, and Windermere exchanges. The survey should be conducted in accordance with Rule 25-4.063, Florida Administrative Code. The survey should be conducted within 45 days of the date the order from this recommendation is issued. United should submit the newspaper advertisement for staff's review prior to publication. The survey letter and ballot should be submitted to staff for review prior to distribution to United customers. In addition, United should provide staff with a copy of the published newspaper advertisement. If ECS is found to be appropriate, the Groveland subscribers should not be balloted.

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Issue 8: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If the Commission determines that the Groveland customers should be balloted for EAS, then this docket should remain open pending the outcome of the ballot. If the Commission determines that ECS is appropriate, then this docket should be closed. In addition, if the Commission determines that no further action should be taken in this docket, the docket should be closed.

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