

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for review of)
proposed numbering plan)
relief for 813 area code)

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AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, INC.'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.'s ("AT&T"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.038., Fla. Admin. Code and Order No. PSC-98-0096-PSO-TL, hereby files its Prehearing Statement and states:

A. APPEARANCES:

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B. WITNESSES:

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C. EXHIBITS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION OF AT&T:

AT&T suggests that any NPA relief must be planned and implemented in a competitively neutral manner so that no particular service provider is unduly favored or adversely affected. The impact of area code relief on customers should be kept to

a minimum while promoting the development of local competition for the long term benefit of Florida consumers. AT&T suggests a geographic split best accomplishes these goals in the 813 NPA.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve the overlay plan for 813 Area Code relief and if not, what relief should the Commission approve.

AT&T: While there are advantages and disadvantages of either imposing an overlay as proposed by GTE or a geographic split, AT&T suggests that the advantages associated with the latter outweigh the former. From a technical standpoint, AT&T will support either one. The determining factor should be what is in the best interests of the people living and working within the 813 area code.

ISSUE 2: What should the dialing pattern be for the following types of calls:

- A) Local
- B) Toll
- C) EAS
- D) ECS

AT&T: If the Commission approves an overlay, 10 digit dialing should be required within and between the new and old area codes for all types of calls. In addition, toll and ECS calls should be made on a 1+ 10-digit basis.

If the Commission approves a geographic split, 1- digit dialing should be required between the new and old area dialing codes for all types of calls. In addition, toll and ECS calls should be made on a 1+ 10-digit basis. Local and EAS calls within an area code may be on a seven digit basis.

F. PROPOSED STIPULATIONS:

None.

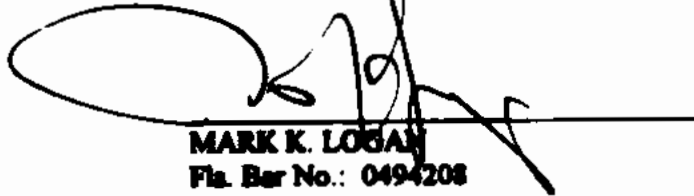
G. PENDING MOTIONS:

AT&T's Motion to Accept Late-File Prehearing Statement

H. RULINGS:

None.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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