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DATE: November 10, 2020

TO: Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM: Gregory D. Fogleman, Public Utilities Supervisor, Office of Industry Development & Market Analysis GF

RE: Docket No. 20200236-TP - Proposed extension of permissive dialing in the 850 and 813 area codes.-

Please file the attached letter from Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association regarding 10-digit dialing in the 850 and 813 area codes in the above-referenced Docket.

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Greg Fogelman
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SUBJECT: 10-digit dialing implementation – 850 area code

RE: Alarm system monitoring

Dear Mr. Mr. Fogelman:

The Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association is monitoring the progress on the intended launch of a new area code in the current 850 service area. We understand through our partners at the Alarm Association of Florida (AAF) there are approximately thirty contractor members in the 850 area code service area who combined have thousands of customer accounts that have not been able to be reprogrammed remotely and will not likely be reprogrammed by the February 20, 2021 date of mandatory implementation of 10-digit dialing.

Our concern is twofold: first, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to many of the premises, especially residential, is greatly reduced and has hindered scheduling reprogramming; and, second, in the matter of fire alarm systems, the Florida Fire Code requires the system be tested after any programming change to ensure proper system operation. This process, depending on the size and location of the system, can take days or in some cases a week or longer.

We hereby support the request submitted by AAF for a 90-day extension to the February 20, 2021 mandatory implementation date be granted in order to ensure that these systems remain in service without interruption given that these systems protect life and property.

Thank you for your consideration and feel free to contact our office if you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,

David Woodside, President

