

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of: : DOCKET NO. 971627-TL
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Petition by residents of :
Ft. White requesting extended :
area service between Ft. White :
exchange in Columbia County :
and Gainesville exchange in :
Alachua County. :
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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

BEFORE: COMMISSIONER E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

DATE: Monday, December 14, 1998

TIME: Commenced at 1:35 p.m.
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2 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: The hearing will come
3 to order. Counsel, read the notice, please.

4 MS. KEATING: This time and place have been
5 set for a prehearing in Docket No. 971627. The
6 purpose is as set forth in the notice.

7 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: We'll take notice --
8 good, good. I like this. We'll take appearances.

9 MS. WHITE: Nancy White for BellSouth
10 Telecommunications.

11 MR. WAHLEN: Jeff Wahlen, Ausley &
12 McMullen law firm, P.O. Box 391, Tallahassee, Florida
13 32302, on behalf of ALLTEL Florida, Inc.

14 MR. ZIMMERMAN: I'm Michael Zimmerman,
15 representing Ft. White. My address is Route 2, Box
16 9192, Ft. White, Florida.

17 MS. KEATING: And Beth Keating appearing
18 for Commission Staff.

19 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Great.
20 Mr. Zimmerman, you are representing yourself as an
21 individual or representing a constituency in
22 Ft. White?

23 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Well, actually I'm
24 representing Ft. White, not just myself, but the
25 entire community.

1 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. As a
2 spokesman, but you have no official -- you're not
3 representing them in any official or legal capacity?

4 MR. ZIMMERMAN: No. That is correct.

5 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. Good. Great.
6 Are there any preliminary matters?

7 MS. WHITE: Yes. BellSouth has touched
8 base with Staff and Mr. Wahlen and the Ft. White
9 representative to see if we could just stipulate
10 BellSouth's testimony into the record and not have our
11 witness be at the hearing, but BellSouth would have a
12 representative at the hearing to answer any questions,
13 and the parties have told me that they have no
14 objection to that.

15 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. If there is no
16 objection, then -- Mr. Zimmerman, you understand what
17 that process means?

18 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, sir. We had discussed
19 that, and we will agree.

20 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. Well, then if
21 there are no objections, we will so note that the
22 testimony of Conrad D. Martin will be stipulated into
23 the record and inserted as though read.

24 MS. KEATING: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Are there any other

1 preliminary matters?

2 MS. KEATING: That's all that Staff is
3 aware of.

4 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. Then if that's
5 the case, we'll go through the Prehearing Order.

6 MR. WAHLEN: Commissioner Jacobs, if it
7 would help move things along, ALLTEL has no changes to
8 the Prehearing Order at all.

9 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. Great.

10 MS. WHITE: BellSouth has one change, and
11 that's on page 5, Section VII, the basic positions.
12 The sixth line of BellSouth's position --

13 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Oh, yes, I saw that
14 too.

15 MS. WHITE: I think the word should be "if"
16 rather than "is," if BellSouth can recover its cost.

17 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: All right.

18 MS. WHITE: And that's the only change
19 BellSouth has.

20 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: It's a minor issue on
21 page 6, under the position of Ft. White, about the
22 sixth line down, actually the seventh line down,
23 whether or not "interest" is capitalized or not. It
24 kind of implied that that was the name of something,
25 and it's not. It's just the term "community of

1 interest." When it first caught me, I was wondering
2 whether we were naming something there.

3 MS. KEATING: That was reflected in their
4 prehearing statement that way, but --

5 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: It was? Okay.

6 MS. KEATING: -- I believe that we can make
7 that change if Mr. Zimmerman is amenable to that.

8 We'll reflect that change in the prehearing
9 order.

10 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. Mr. Zimmerman,
11 what we traditionally do at this point is, we go
12 through the Draft Prehearing Order basically to
13 confirm the positions and statements that are in
14 there. And if at this time there is something in
15 there that you don't agree with, then we'll note that
16 and make those corrections before the Final Prehearing
17 Order is issued. The other parties have kind of
18 already gone through and indicated that they have no
19 corrections other than the ones that were noted.

20 So at this time, we can proceed as you
21 would like. We can kind of go through it line by
22 line, or section by section actually, or if you've
23 already looked through it and you see no corrections,
24 you can note that also in the record now.

25 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Okay. That's fine. I've

1 read basically everything in here, and I don't want to
2 make any changes or anything to it.

3 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. Very good.
4 Great.

5 Does Staff have any corrections or
6 revisions?

7 MS. KEATING: No, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Okay. With that,
9 we'll note the corrections that were described.
10 Okay. That takes care of that.

11 As I understand it, then the hearing in
12 this matter is scheduled for January 11th.

13 MS. KEATING: Yes, that's correct. And I
14 did want to indicate to the parties that we do have a
15 location now for that. The notice has not been issued
16 yet, but it will be held at the Ft. White Public
17 School, which is on State Road 47 South.

18 MR. ZIMMERMAN: That is correct.

19 MS. WHITE: Do you have a time for that?

20 MS. KEATING: There will be customer
21 testimony taken at 10:00 a.m., and the technical
22 hearing will immediately follow that, and then
23 customer testimony will resume at 6:00 p.m.

24 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: Very well. Are there
25 any other matters to come before us today? Do you

1 have anything else, Mr. Zimmerman?

2 MR. ZIMMERMAN: No, sir, I don't.

3 MR. WAHLEN: No, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER JACOBS: All right. Then this
5 prehearing is adjourned. Thank you.

6 MS. KEATING: Thank you.

7 (Thereupon, the prehearing conference
8 concluded at 1:43 p.m.)

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I, MARY ALLEN NEEL, RPR,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the prehearing conference
in Docket No. 971627-TL was heard by Commissioner
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is further

CERTIFIED that I stenographically reported the
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consisting of 9 pages, constitutes a true
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