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MEMORANDUM

December 5, 1996

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

PROM: DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHELPER, WIDELL)

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (BROWN) MCB

RE: DOCKET NO. 951099-TL - PETITION BY THE RESIDENTS OF NORTH

GOLDEN GATE AND CORKSCREW TO MOVE FROM THE IMMOKALEE

EXCHANGE INTO THE NAPLES EXCHANGE.

AGENDA: DECEMBER 17, 1996 - REGULAR AGENDA - FINAL ORDER -

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\CMU\WP\\$

CASE BACKGROUND

- On September 1, 1995, residents of the North Golden Gate and Corkscrew areas filed a petition with the Commission requesting that they be moved from the Immokalee exchange to the Naples exchange.
- By Order No. PSC-96-0794-FOF-TL, issued June 19, 1996, the Commission ordered a ballot of the customers of the North Golden Gate and the Corkscrew areas to determine whether they are in favor of moving the boundary from the Immokalee exchange to the Naples exchange. The Order further required that for the survey to pass in favor of the boundary change, at least 50 percent of those balloted must respond and, of those responding, at least 60% must favor the boundary change.
- On July 10, 1996, Roberta L. Wooster filed a timely protest of the order. On July 24, 1996, Sandra Gliddon, the petitioner in this docket, filed a Motion to Dismiss Roberta L. Wooster's protest. On July 25, 1996, Ms. Wooster withdrew her protest.

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 On July 26, 1996, staff learned that Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Getz also filed a protest, but with the Company, United Telephone Company of Florida (United), instead of this Commission. On August 7, 1996, the Getzes withdrew their protest.

- By Order No. PSC-96-1258-FOF-TL, issued October 8, 1996, the Commission reinstated and made final and effective Order No. PSC-96-0794-FOF-TL.
- This recommendation will address the outcome of the ballot.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

<u>ISSUE 1</u>: Based on the results of the survey, should the Commission move the customers of the North Golden Gate and Corkscrew areas from the Immokalee exchange to the Naples exchange?

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Yes. Since the survey met the requirements of Order Nos. PSC-96-0794-FOF-TL and PSC-96-1258-FOF-TL, United should be ordered to move the subscribers of the North Golden Gate and Corkscrew areas from the Immokalee exchange to the Naples exchange.

STAFF ANALYSIS: United mailed 271 ballots to all customers of record in the North Golden Gate and Corkscrew areas. The results of the survey are shown in Table A:

TABLE A

SURVEY RESULTS						
	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL MAILED	PERCENT OF TOTAL RETURNED			
Ballots Mailed	271	100.00%				
Ballots Returned	187	69.00**	100.00%			
For boundary change	149	54.98%	79.68***			
Against change	32	11.81%	17.11%			
Invalid	6	2.21%	3.20%			

Order requires 50% of the ballots mailed must be returned.

Based on the results of the survey, staff recommends that United move the customers of the North Golden Gate and Corkscrew areas from the Immokalee exchange to the Naples exchange at the rates stated in Order Nos. PSC-96-0794-FOF-TL and PSC-96-1258-FOF-TL, which are reflected in Table B.

Order requires that of those ballots returned 60% must vote favorably

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TABLE B

	Maples Rates (a)	INDIOEALEE RATES (b)	DIFFERENCE (a-b)	ADDITIVE-	TOTAL INCREASE	HEH MONTHLY RATE
R-1	\$ 8.73	\$ 6.47	\$2.26	\$1.68	\$3.94	\$10.41
B-1	20.37	\$15.20	\$5.17	\$1.68	\$6.85	\$22.05

Additive applies for ten-year period

Staff recommends that the boundary change be implemented as soon as possible but not to exceed twelve months from the issuance date of the order from this recommendation.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Yes. With approval of Issue 1, this docket should be closed. Staff will monitor the docket to ensure that proper tariffs are filed.

<u>STAFF ANALYSIS:</u> Yes. With approval of Issue 1, this docket should be closed. Staff will monitor the docket to ensure that proper tariffs are filed.

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