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## Public Service Commission

DATE: March 31, 1997  
TO: Parties of Record  
FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB/KB*  
Division of Records and Reporting  
RE: Docket No. 961153-TL - Petition for numbering plan area relief for 904 area code, by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

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This is to inform you that the Commission has reported the following communication in the above-referenced docket.

E-Mail from Bryan K. Bethea, dated March 27, 1997 .

The communication, a copy of which is attached, is being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S. any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

BSB/cp

Attachments

cc: Rob Vandiver/w/letter

From: BBETHEA5 @ SMIP (BBethea505@aol.com)  
To: Diane Kiesling, JJOHNSON @ PSC, Joe Garcia, Susan Clark  
Subject: fwd: Docket 961153 (904 NPA Relief)

NOTE ----- 3/22/97-10:32am -----  
Return-Path: <BBethea505@aol.com>  
Received: from emout13.mail.aol.com (198.81.11.39)  
by mail.psc.state.fl.us (Connect2 SMIP 4.30A.1000128);  
Sat, 22 Mar 1997 10:33:44 -0500  
Received: (from root@localhost)  
by emout13.mail.aol.com (8.7.6/8.7.3/AOL-2.0.0)  
id KAA13942;  
Sat, 22 Mar 1997 10:32:02 -0500 (EST)  
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 1997 10:32:02 -0500 (EST)  
From: BBethea505@aol.com  
Message-ID: <970322103202\_281036262@emout13.mail.aol.com>  
To: jjohnson@psc.state.fl.us, sclark@psc.state.fl.us, dkieslin@psc.state.fl.us,  
jgarcia@psc.state.fl.us  
Subject: Docket 961153 (904 NPA Relief)

I realize that public comment is no longer being accepted on docket 961153. However, since ALLTEL, Northeast Florida Telephone, and the City of Jacksonville have filed a motion to reconsider, I thought I would send you my thoughts on the issue.

I live in Pensacola. While I was relieved, at first, that the Commission decided not to move Pensacola to a new NPA, I have since re-evaluated the situation. I think the Commission's original decision to move Jacksonville into 850 and Daytona Beach into another new NPA was flawed for many reasons. First and foremost would be the burden on the citizens of Jacksonville. It is simply unfair to force over 1 million people to change their area codes when other alternatives exist. Secondly, the cost to businesses in Jacksonville and Daytona Beach will surpass the costs that the State would incur should Tallahassee's area code be changed.

The best alternative at this stage would be to move the Pensacola and Panama City LATAs to the new 850 NPA and move Daytona Beach into the existing 352 NPA. This would give the industry time to develop a plan supporting an overlay of the 904 NPA that would then cover only the Tallahassee and Jacksonville LATAs. Using this method, the smaller 904 NPA would need relief in about 5-6 years and the 850 NPA for Pensacola/Panama City would require relief roughly in 2015. There is ample room in 352 for Daytona Beach's 70+ central office codes. Code conflicts may present a small problem for 352 but those could be easily resolved. Additionally, with careful code assignment in 850 and 904, cross-boundary dialing would not require 10 digits. After all, I can call locally to 334-931 in Alabama. I am sure that 931 is protected from assignment in any central office local to Pensacola. This practice is very common throughout the North American Numbering Plan and it would not reduce the number of exchanges available for assignment.

As a communications industry employee I understand the objections of Alltel and Northeast Florida Telephone. Why should they be forced to change millions of access lines when many better alternatives exist? While I do think that Quincy Telephone and St. Joseph Telephone have been very short sighted in their support of any option that retains the 904 NPA in Tallahassee, I am forced at this stage to support the option described above. This allows about 4 years for planning before 904 would need relief again and it also does not create an NPA with a life of over 30 years. Additionally, it does not require that a customer experience more than one NPA change in 8-10 years! This option fully complies with the industry NPA

assignment and relief guidelines.

Please pardon the lengthiness of this message. I feel very strongly that the Commission has made an error in judgement and I hope that it will re-evaluate the situation before simply upholding its decision.

One additional suggestion: Please post notices of public hearings more visibly in the local media. Not one of my colleagues or contacts were aware that a meeting was held in Pensacola in November.

Should any Commission member wish to reach me, my office number (M-F 7am to 4pm CST) is 334-368-8600 extension 2577. My home phone number is 904-327-6228. My address is:  
8020 Highway 99 South, Walnut Hill, FL 32568-1544.

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Bethea  
Pensacola

Fwd-by:=-Diane-Kieslin=3/26/97=12:11pm-----  
Fwd to: Catherine Bedell  
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**Joe Garcia**  
Commissioner

State of Florida



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## Public Service Commission

### MEMORANDUM

**RECEIVED**  
MAR 27 1997

**TO:** Blanca Bayó  
Director, Division of Records and Reporting

**FROM:** Braulio Baez

**RE:** Written Communication Regarding 904 Docket

**DATE:** March 27, 1997

Please place the attached written communication(s) in the file for the above proceeding. The communication(s) may be considered ex parte under Chapter 350, Florida Statutes.

Please give notice of the communication(s) to all parties to the docket and inform them they have ten (10) days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

- No response was made to this communication.
- A copy of the response is attached.

**Note:** Comm. Garcia did not read this e-mail; staff retrieved it from his computer.

BLB:ks

**Diane K. Kiesling**  
Commissioner

**State of Florida**



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**Public Service Commission**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

March 28, 1997

TO : RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: CATHERINE BEDELL, ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER KIESLING CB

RE : EX PARTE COMMUNICATION DATED MARCH 22, 1997 FROM MR.  
BRYAN K. BETHEA (DOCKET 961153-TL)

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The attached letter dated March 22, 1997, from Mr. Bryan K. Bethea, a communication company employee, was e-mailed directly to Commissioner Kiesling via the Internet and must be treated as an ex-parte communication. The Commissioner forwarded the ex-parte communication to me as soon as she determined that it was a communication concerning a pending docket. The Commissioner has not read the full document; however, this is being treated as an ex-parte communication because the nature of the Internet e-mail is such that the Commissioner had to open the communication and read part of it before it could be determined that it was an impermissible communication. Therefore, it is necessary to place this memorandum and attachment on the record of the above-referenced proceeding pursuant to Section 350.042, Florida Statutes. Please give notice of this communication to all parties to the docket and inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

Cb:bf  
Attachment

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Public Service Commission

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RECEIVED

**DATE:** March 28, 1997

**TO:** Blanca Bayó, Director of Records and Reporting

**FROM:** Wilbur Stiles, Assistant to Chairman Clark

**RE:** Intercepted Communication Received in Docket No. 961153-TL

Commissioner Clark received the attached internet e-mail message from Mr. Bryan K. Bethea regarding the above referenced case. This e-mail message was not read by Commissioner Clark except to discern that it related to an open docket. While communications from individuals are normally deemed not to be ex parte communications, Mr. Bethea's correspondence indicates that he is "a communications industry employee." Mr. Bethea is employed by Touch 1 Long Distance, Inc., an interexchange carrier regulated by this Commission. Under the circumstances, I believe it is appropriate to place this memorandum and the attached copy of Mr. Bethea's e-mail message on the record of the proceeding. Also, please disseminate this correspondence to the parties and allow them 10 days to respond.

c: Charlie Pellegrini, Division of Legal Services

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From: Carol Purvis CONFIRMED  
To: Bill Berg, Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Curtis Williams  
Subject: fwd: Ex Parte  
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===NOTE=====3/27/97==3:21pm=====

Commissioner Garcia has reported receiving an internet E-Mail from Bryan K. Bethea dated March 27, 1997, concerning Docket No. 961153 TL. We are preparing to distribute the communications to the parties to this docket. Would you please advise if your Commissioner also received this communication from Mr. Bethea.

Fwd=by: =Brenda=Ferris=3/28/97=11:08am=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Commissioner Kiesling did receive this communication. A memo from this office forwarding the letter to Records and Reporting was sent out this morning.

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From: Carol Purvis Confirm receipt  
To: Bill Berg, Curtis Williams, Brenda Ferris, Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez  
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Fwd=by:=-Billy=Stiles==3/27/97==3:22pm=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis  
CC: Kay Posey

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Commissioner Clark received the same message. I will send down my copy (which includes her note that she did not read the message) by the end of the week.

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From: Carol Purvis  
To: Bill Berg, Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Curtis Williams  
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CONFIRMED

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Fwd=by:=Bill=Berg=====3/27/97==4:24pm=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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This office did not receive the communication.

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From: Billy Stiles  
To:  
Bill Berg, Braulio Baez, Catherine  
Bedell, Curtis Williams  
Subject:  
fwd: Internet E-Mail Message  
From Brian Bethea

-----NOTE-----3/27/97==9:18am==  
The internet e-mail message sent directly  
to all the Commissioners from Mr. Brian  
Bethea in Pensacola regarding the 904 Area  
Code should be treated as an ex parte  
communication. Mr. Bethea indicated in  
his message that he is "a communications  
industry employee." I called his office  
number and found out that he works for  
"Touch 1 Long Distance Company." If your  
boss has read this message, he or she  
might be well advised to put this  
communication on the record and allow the  
parties 10 days to respond.

Fwd-by:=-Braulio=Baez==3/27/97==9:31am==  
Fwd to: Kathleen Stewart  
CC: Billy Stiles, Carol Purvis

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Commissioner Garcia has not been in the  
office and has not seen this  
communication. Please print the e-mail and  
purge it from his in-box. We will forward  
the message to RAR to be placed on the  
record in any event.

