

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Numbering Plan Relief for)
the 813 Area Code)

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**PETITION TO CONDUCT FORMAL PROCEEDINGS
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED NUMBERING RELIEF PLAN
FOR THE 813 AREA CODE**

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, Senator Jack Latvala ("Petitioner") hereby petitions the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") to conduct formal proceedings, to be held pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes (1997) on the proposed numbering relief plan for the 813 area code.

1. Petitioner represents the citizens of Florida located in Senate District 19. In addition, Petitioner lives in Palm Harbor, Florida and subscribes to telephone service provided by GTE Florida, Inc. ("GTE") in the 813 area code.

2. GTE has announced that it intends to implement an overlay area code plan in the area presently served solely by the 813 area code. This action will adversely affect the substantial interests of petitioner by requiring 10 digit local calling for all calls. In addition, by having two area codes serving the

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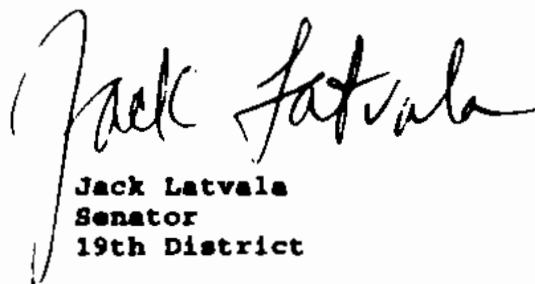
geographic area, neighbors on the same street could be assigned two different area codes. This will lead to confusion and difficulty, particularly among the elderly. Furthermore, this will require home security systems to be reprogrammed at a substantial cost to consumers and will also create a situation in which a consumer having new telephone service would have multiple area codes assigned to one business or home.

3. An overlay area code should only be used as a last resort when there is no practical means of implementing a geographic split. This occurred in Miami, where there was no sensible geographic split available. In the Tampa Bay area, however, there are a number of very practical ways to divide the area geographically. Additionally the demographic characteristics of the Tampa Bay area differ significantly from the metropolitan Miami area.

4. Based on comments from his constituents, Petitioner believes the notice GTE gave to consumers of its plans to adopt the overlay area code was insufficient to allow consumers to prepare and deliver advice to GTE against this plan. Petitioner further believes GTE allowed consumers to assume that this plan was already in effect and that they had no opportunity to offer advice to the company or to the Commission against this plan.

5. The interests of the people residing in the 813 area code will be better served by a geographic split than by an overlay area code plan. Petitioner requests the Commission to hold a full evidentiary hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes (1997) and determine the best means for implementing a geographic split area code plan in the Tampa Bay area.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Latvala". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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