

VOTE SHEET

AUGUST 5, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 970826-TL - Resolution by Lake County Board of Commissioners requesting Extended Area Service (EAS) between the Eustis and Umatilla exchanges and the Debarry, Deland and Orange City exchanges; and between the Eustis and Mount Dora exchanges and the Sanford and Orlando exchanges.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the request by the Lake County Board of Commissioners for EAS between the Eustis and Umatilla exchanges and the Debarry, Deland and Orange City exchanges; and between the Eustis and Mount Dora exchanges and the Sanford and Orlando exchanges?

Staff Recommendation: No. Any requests for EAS or ECS filed after July 1, 1995, that are implemented become part of non-basic service. Since EAS or ECS requested after July 1, 1995, would become a non-basic service, the Commission is without jurisdiction to require the price-regulated LECs to implement EAS or ECS. Thus, staff believes that, since Lake County's request was filed on June 4, 1997, the decision to implement EAS or ECS is solely within the discretion of the price-regulated LECs, rather than this Commission.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of the issuance date of the order from this recommendation, this docket should be closed.

**APPROVED**