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Re: Florida Public Service Commission Petition
For Authority To Implement Number Conservation
Measures - NSD File No. L-99-33

Dear Secretary Salas:

We file this letter in support of the Florida Public Service Commission's (Florida or Florida PSC) request to implement various number conservation measures. Like Florida, many state commissions are facing increased pressures to adopt area code relief plans in unprecedented numbers.

We recognize that the increased demand for central office codes (NXXs), and the concomitant exhaust of area codes, is in part the result of increased local competition, which we applaud. However, the rapidly declining number of available NXXs is also directly attributable to inefficient and ineffective number assignment and utilization practices by the industry.

Given the important role that states play in addressing area code relief, and in the absence of a federal plan addressing meaningful conservation measures, the Commission should allow states prepared to take on this responsibility to do so.

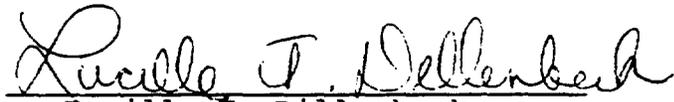
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