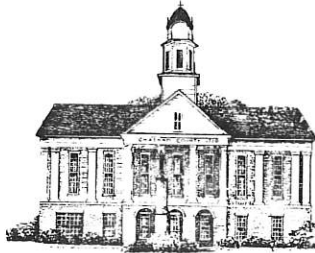


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## CHATHAM COUNTY

### *Resolution Requesting the Assistance of the N.C. Utilities Commission In Implementing Extended Area Service For Chatham County Citizens*

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 1995, the North Carolina Utilities Commission approved Extended Area Service (EAS) for Pittsboro exchanges to and from exchanges in Cary, Apex, and Raleigh, and Carolina Telephone was scheduled to implement its part of the EAS on August 17, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this approval, BellSouth was required to seek a waiver from the federal court to provide interLATA EAS, and said waiver was pending before the court when the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 became law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 placed waiver granting responsibilities with the FCC without clarifying how the FCC should proceed and, as a result, BellSouth is still waiting for approval of the waiver from the FCC, which is unlikely before the scheduled date of EAS implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolina Telephone has indicated that it is not inclined to implement EAS calling one-way from Pittsboro exchanges to Cary, Apex, and Raleigh exchanges as was done before in the case of EAS from Louisburg to Raleigh; and

**WHEREAS**, eastern Chatham County's economic viability is intricately linked with businesses in Raleigh, Cary, and Apex and expanded area service is believed to offer a significant incentive for business development in the area of Chatham County affected by EAS;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Chatham that:

**Section 1.** We do hereby request the immediate assistance of the North Carolina Utilities Commission in implementing EAS from Pittsboro to Cary, Apex, and Raleigh on August 17, 1996. We ask that the Utilities Commission use whatever authority it has to compel Carolina Telephone and BellSouth to provide EAS, as approved by the Utilities Commission;

**Section 2.** We hereby appeal to our U.S. Legislative Delegation to urge the FCC to follow the procedures of the federal court to grant the interLATA boundary modification to BellSouth, enabling EAS to Chatham County and other North Carolina exchanges;

**Section 3:** We do hereby petition the FCC to grant the interLATA boundary modification to BellSouth in a timely manner; and

**Section 4:** We do hereby request that Carolina Telephone provide EAS at least one way, in accordance with the approval of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and that EAS begin on the date on which in was originally scheduled to be implemented, August 17, 1996.

Adopted this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1996.



Uva Holland, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**



Sandra B. Lee, Clerk to the Board/  
Chatham County