

# MECEOLA CONSOLIDATED CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY

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RE: Meceola Central Dispatch for Mecosta and Osceola County 911

Docket: U-15489

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is submitted to better explain why Mecosta and Osceola Counties have chosen to vary their surcharge calculation from the state recommended .93 devices per person to .83 devices per person which more accurately reflects our area demographics.

To review, Meceola Central Dispatch is a consolidated 911 center covering two counties, Mecosta and Osceola, and is requesting to collect State and Local Surcharge under P.A. 164 of 2007 by filing form 400-A.

By combining known land lines for both counties (26046 - 41% land line saturation in December 2007) and known wireless counts per county (15698 Mecosta equaling 39% cell saturation) and (11555 Osceola equaling 50% cell saturation), gives us a total device count of 53299 in the combined county jurisdiction. The percent of device per person equals .836 or 84% for our population. By extending the calculation out at our requested \$1.72 local surcharge (for both counties) the amount generated for the last 6 months of 2008 would be:

Mecosta \$322,964.00

Osceola \$217,092.00

for a combined \$540,056.00 for July 1 through December 31, 2008. By adding in the projected current surcharge for January through June 2008 at \$493,500.00, it appears our total local income for 2008 will be approximately \$1,033,556.00. This figure is below the recommended 2.7% maximum revenue increase for the year 2008.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

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Director

Meceola Central Dispatch Center

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