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Dear Ms. Bayo:

As a party of record and interested party, North American InTeleCom, Inc. respectfully requests a similar waiver for pay telephones throughout Florida to that granted ATN in the attached notice, allowing installation of three telephone instruments per access line for payphones located in confinement facilities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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In the Order, the Commission recognized that confinement facilities have their own emergency response systems in place, consequently, access for 911 is not required. The Commission stated that it believes by permitting three pay telephones for every access line would allow adequate access for the inmate population.

The Order applies to ATN only. All other inmate pay telephone providers in Florida wanting similar line concentration, must file a waiver with the Florida PUC requesting such.

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