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September 25, 2002

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#### VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 020665-TI / Order No. PSC-02-1231-PAA-TI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find one Petition for Formal Hearing in response to the above-referenced proposed agency action.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely.

David O. Klein

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cc: Avery Fischer, Esq.

General Counsel, Orion Telecommunications Corp.

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#### FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Compliance investigation of Telecore
Communications for apparent violation of Rule:
25-24.470, F.A.C., Certificate of Public:
Convenience and Necessity Required, and Rule:
25-4.043, F.A.C., Response to Commission:
Staff Inquiries.:

DOCKET NO. 020665-TI ORDER NO. PSC-02-1231-PAA-TI ISSUED: September 9, 2002

### PETITION FOR FORMAL HEARING

Before the:

Florida Public Service Commission

Address:

Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, FL 32399

By:

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Petitioner:

Telecore Communications Corp.

42-40 Bell Boulevard Bayside, New York 11361

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#### PETITIONER'S STATEMENT

- This Petition for a Formal Hearing is brought by Petitioner, Telecore Communications
  Corp. ("TCC"), by and through their attorneys, KLEIN, ZELMAN, ROTHERMEL &
  DICHTER, LLP, pursuant to Florida Statutes § 120.57 in conformance with Florida
  Administrative Code ("F.A.C.") Rule 28-106.201.
- 2. Petitioner's interests will be substantially affected if the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") finalizes the Proposed Agency Action Order ("PAAO") in the above-captioned action because the Petitioner will face penalties in the amount of \$25,000 for non-compliance with F.A.C. Rule 25-24.470 and \$10,000 for noncompliance with F.A.C. 25-4.043.

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPT

3. Petitioner received the PAAO via certified mail on, or about, September 12, 2002, at their corporate offices located at 42-40 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, New York.

#### STATEMENT OF DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT

4. Petitioner does not have enough information to issue a statement disputing or confirming the facts alleged in the PAAO due to numerous personnel changes at Orion Telecommunications Corp. ("OTC") and confusion surrounding TCC.

#### STATEMENT OF ULTIMATE FACTS

- 5. Petitioner brings this petition due to circumstances surrounding the relationship between OTC and TCC.
- 6. OTC did not have specific knowledge that TCC was in fact incorporated until a search of the New York State Department of State, Division of Corporations, records uncovered the existence of the incorporation.
- 7. OTC does not possess any corporate records for TCC, such as articles of incorporation, corporate bylaws, resolutions or minutes. Petitioner has requested all corporate filings for TCC from the New York State Department of State.
- 8. James Sutton, former Chief Financial Officer of OTC and the registered agent for TCC, is no longer an employee of OTC. Mr. Sutton has informed OTC that he does not have any recollection of the incorporation of TCC or the whereabouts of any corporate records.
- 9. Upon information and belief, TCC was never, and is not presently, a wholly owned subsidiary of OTC.
- 10. Upon information and belief, a certain officer of OTC incorporated TCC.
- 11. Upon information and belief, the entire issued and outstanding stock of TCC was never held by, and is not presently held by, OTC, but rather individuals.
- 12. Upon information and belief, OTC and TCC were, at all times, separate legal entities.
- 13. Several changes in personnel at OTC over the past two (2) years, including the general counsel position, resulted in significant confusion concerning the existence of TCC as a corporate entity and the relationship of TCC to OTC.

14. The personnel changes further confused administrative functions, resulting in mail,

including several letters from the Commission, not reaching their proper recipients.

15. As evidenced in the PAAO's case background, many employees of OTC were unaware

of the true legal relationship between the companies and inaccurately described TCC as a

wholly owned subsidiary of OTC. Others believed TCC to be an assumed name (or

d/b/a) of OTC (see Commission correspondence of June 17, 2002, annexed hereto as

Exhibit A).

16. TCC and OTC did not knowingly refuse to respond to Commission Staff inquiries.

Petitioner's lack of responsiveness was borne of misunderstanding and confusion as to

the ownership of TCC and its relationship to OTC. Such confusion still exists. However,

Petitioner is in the process of obtaining documents to bring clarity to the situation.

STATEMENT OF RELIEF

17. In light of the confusion surrounding the legal status of TCC, pursuant to the discretion

granted to the Commission under Florida Statutes §364.285, Petitioner hereby requests

that the Commission reconsider the penalties assessed against TCC in the PAAO.

Dated: September 25, 2002

New York, New York

David O. Klein

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Attorneys for Petitioner

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA



DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE MARKETS & ENPORCEMENT WALTER D'HAESELEER DIRECTOR (850) 413-6600

# Hublic Service Commission

June 17, 2002

Mr. Avery Fischer Orion Telecommunications of New York 42-40 Bell Boulevard Bayside, NY 11361-2861

Dear Mr. Fischer:

This letter is regarding a consumer complaint concerning Prepaid Calling Services (PPCS) apparently provided by Telecore Communications. It is my understanding from information provided by the customer service agent for the prepaid card in question that Telecore Communications is, in fact, Orion Telecommunications Corp d/b/a Orion TelecommunicationsCorp of New York (Orion). Therefore, I am transmitting this consumer complaint to Orion for resolution.

The complainant, Mr. Walter Martinez, stated that he purchased a prepaid calling card from Soto Produce. A copy of the card and the complaint are enclosed. The card does not disclose the number of minutes available or the maximum rate per minute in apparent violation of Rule 25-24.920, Florida Administrative Code (see attached evaluation form and rules). However, when Mr. Martinez first used the card, the recording he heard when he called the toll-free access number stated that he had 151 minutes. Mr. Martinez stated that he did not receive 151 minutes, that he only received 45 minutes of calling time.

Please provide a written response to staff addressing the manner in which Orion will resolve Mr. Martinez's complaint. Mr. Martinez may be reached by telephone at (407) 695-5696, or by mail at 52 South Winter Park Drive, Casselberry, FL 32707.

Further, please provide the full call detail records for the True Connect Latin America prepaid phone card with PIN number 271-005-6840. These records should provide a complete breakdown of how the account for that PIN went from \$5.00 to \$0.00. Please include the name of the network company from whom you purchase time. Your response is due on July 9, 2002.

Mr. Avery Fischer Page 2 June 17, 2002

If you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 413-6952.

Sincerely,

Melinda Watts

Bureau of Service Quality

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Enclosures (4)

1. Complaint No. 461767T

2. True Connect Latin America prepaid calling card (copy)

3. PPCS rules (Florida Administrative Code)

4. PPCS Compliance Evaluation form

Ref: CATS 461767T