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DATE: August 5, 2004

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

FROM: Jason Rojas, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel *JR BR*

RE: Request for Permission from Department of Financial Services to Write-Off the Penalty Imposed on PHI Telecommunications Corporation
Docket No. 040162-TI; Compliance investigation of PHI Telecommunications Corporation for apparent violation of Sections 364.02 and 364.04, Florida Statutes.

On February 23, 2004, Docket No. 040162-TI was established to address PHI Telecommunications Corporation's violations of Sections, 364.02 and 364.04, Florida Statutes. PHI Telecommunications Corporation failed to remit the penalty levied by Order No. PSC-04-0424-PAA-TI, issued on April 26, 2004. The Commission further ordered that PHI Telecommunications Corporation should cease and desist providing intrastate interexchange telecommunications service in Florida. The Commission further ordered that the outstanding penalty be sent to the Department of Financial Services for collection, and, that the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services should request permission to write-off the uncollectible amount.

Therefore, staff requests that Bureau of Administrative Services/Fiscal Services Section take the appropriate steps to seek permission from the Department of Financial Services to write-off the uncollectible penalty for PHI Telecommunications Corporation.

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cc: Kiwanis Curry

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Provide as much information as possible for each account or returned check listed. Names should include legal entities as well as individuals. Principal Amount is the original amount of the debt excluding any service charge, penalty, and/or interest. Penalty/Interest Amount is the amount of the service charge, penalty, and/or interest due to date on the delinquent account or returned check. For those accounts subject to interest charges, please indicate the interest rate, method of calculation, and whether the rate is subject to change. Penalty/Interest Authority is the Florida Statutory and/or Florida Administrative Code citation authorizing the service charge, penalty, and/or interest on delinquent accounts and returned checks. Date Incurred is the date the account became delinquent; e.g., the date a check was returned marked NSF, the date an invoice was due to be paid, etc. Debt Type must be indicated using the codes listed at the bottom of the form.

In order to properly pursue a delinquent account the Bureau of Accounting and the collection agency, if used, require pertinent information about the debt and debtor. Such information regarding the debt should be provided in the area titled Debt Description and include the purpose of the original payment by check; type of goods/services provided; what, when, and where State property was damaged; when, why and what court ordered a payment; when and why a fine was issued; for what and when were State funds overpaid; etc. Additional Information about the debtor should include, if available, date of birth, driver license number, credit card type and number, names and addresses of relatives, and any other information that may be used to locate the debtor. The more the Bureau and the collection agency know about the debt and debtor the more likely the recovery of the debt.

To facilitate the transfer of moneys collected, each agency shall designate one FLAIR revenue account code to which all moneys will be transferred by the journal transfer. Agencies will be provided a detailed listing of amounts collected and collection fees charged for each amount. The Department will also provide instructions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles on the appropriate method of recording the difference between any moneys collected and the amount of the delinquent account; i.e., treat the difference as cost of collection or provide approval for adjusting the balance of the account pursuant to Section 17.04, Florida Statutes.

Forms and Questions should be addressed to:

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(850) 410-9365 / SC 210-9365