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Mr. Charles Pellegrini
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Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 960649-TC: Initiation of show case proceedings against Telaleasing Enterprises, Inc. for violation of Rules 25-24.515, F.A.C., Pay Telephone Service, and 25-4.043, F.A.C., Response Requirement

Dear Mr. Pellegrini:

The purpose of this letter is to propose a settlement in the above docket. As settlement of all issues raised in this docket, and settlement of any further complaints that may have arisen since the show cause order was initiated, Telaleasing proposes a fine in the amount of \$10,000. Additionally, because Telaleasing wishes to prevent future complaints, it proposes that it be given until the end of 1996 to conduct a comprehensive review and correction process for all of its pay telephones, after which time it would invite staff inspection to determine compliance with applicable rules.

This approach benefits the public as follows. First, the amount of the fine is double the fine paid by the company in 1992, in recognition of the fact that Telaleasing has been unsuccessful in solving its compliance difficulties. Second, giving the company the opportunity to conduct a thorough service evaluation, followed by a staff compliance review, will aid both the company and the staff in ensuring that high quality pay telephone service is available in the state.

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The schedule in this docket requires the company and staff to file direct testimony and exhibits on October 8, 1996. I would like to work out an amended testimony date pending staff consideration of this settlement proposal. Also, you may be aware that I shortly will be leaving Wiggins & Villacorta to begin work with AT&T. Pat Wiggins will be handling this case, and he will need time to become familiar with the facts of this docket. I therefore suggest that the schedule be amended to require direct testimony to be filed on or after November 21, 1996. This would give staff time to file a recommendation for the October 29 agenda; parties would then have an additional three weeks to prepare testimony if the proposal is not approved by the Commission.

I hope that staff finds this proposal to be both responsive to staff concerns and in the public interest. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marsha E. Rule

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