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Mr. Lakeith Raqib Amir Sharif
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Dear Mr. Sharif:

Thank you for your September 12 letter to Chairman Clark, in which you requested copies of MCI's tariff which was approved February 29, 1996; MCI's proposal to resolve the surcharge increase and refund to customers; and, a copy of the rates for all long distance carriers.

First, I'm enclosing a copy of MCI's tariff reflecting the \$3.00 surcharge that was approved on February 29, 1996.

Second, I'm enclosing a copy of staff's recommendation, which includes a copy of MCI's proposal. Because the matter is pending before the Commission, I cannot predict how the Commissioners will vote on October 8, 1996. However, I can assure you that the Commission will carefully consider all of the evidence before a decision is made.

And, finally, the Commission regulates over 450 long distance carriers, so it is not possible to provide you with copies of each carrier's tariffs for all of its different calling plans. MCI, AT&T, and Sprint's basic rates are all competitive and within a couple of cents of one another. You may want to contact each carrier you are interested in and inquire about their rates. Unfortunately, since penal institutions are under contract with a specific carrier, your friends and family do not have a choice as to which long distance company carries the collect calls from you.

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I am placing a copy of your inquiry in the record of this case so that your comments will be available to all interested parties. If you have any questions, please call me at (904) 413-6502.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Commissioner Clark

September 12, 1996

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Re: Fla. DOC and MCI's unlawful practices involving prisoner collect-calls

Dear Chairwoman Clark:

I am sure you are aware of the circumstances involving the triff and other practies of the DOC in Florida and it's contracted prisoner telephone service carrier MCI Telecommunication Inc.

On three (3) occassions I have written to this office over the past six (6) weeks seeking copies of certian document that are classified as public information. To date there has been no acknowledgement of my letter requesting copies of the following documents:

1. Copy of traiff MCI filed with Fla. PSC which was approved on Februray 29, 1996.
2. Copy of MCI's proposal to your office agreeing to resolve issue of the surcharge increase of \$3.00 that was effective July 11, 1996. Also attach proposal that refunds be made to customers which was a proposal made by MCI.
3. Copy of authorized rates permitted by PSC for all carriers on home and/or business services on long distance calls.

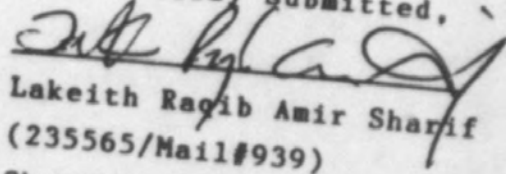
Ms. Clark just for the sake of knowing is there any procedure that customers can have this or any other authority the power to place a "cap" on the prisoner phone calls as was done in Nevada by their PSC?

Susan F. Clark, Chairwoman
Fla. Public Service Commission
September 12, 1996

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Ms. Clark, I would duly appreciate it if you would see to it that the foregoing documents I requested be sent to me at the earliest possible convenience of you and your staff.

I am thanking you in advance for your time, efforts and consideration, hoping to hear from you very soon.

Respectfully submitted,


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