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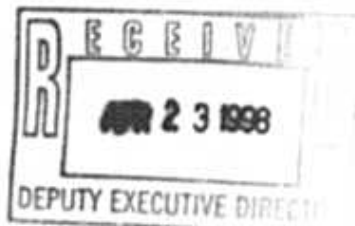
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Ms. Mary A. Bane
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Re: Docket No. 971490-TI - Initiation of Show Cause
Proceeding Against Excel Telecommunications, Inc. for
Violation of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code,
Interexchange Carrier Selection

Dear Ms. Bane:

This is to request that the above item be deferred until no earlier than May 19, 1998. There are three basic reasons for this request. First, I would like Mr. Ken Trout, President and CEO of Excel, to have the opportunity to attend the agenda conference, but he has a scheduling conflict next week. If Mr. Trout is not able to make the May 19th agenda, we would not ask that this item be deferred again on his behalf.

Second, Excel is interested in settling this matter and is hopeful that it can fashion a proposal more responsive to staff's criteria. To do this, however, we must have time to review the specific instances of alleged violations and to review with company management the elements of a workable settlement.

Third, the staff recommendation proposes that a substantial fine be imposed against Excel. The issuance of an order to show cause based on the recommendation would in itself damage Excel's business reputation. We believe it both appropriate and useful to allow Excel some opportunity to respond to the recommendation before taking it to agenda.

Representatives from Excel and I are meeting with staff today to discuss the recommendation and the possibility of a settlement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Knight Wiggins
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