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Dear sirs:

This letter is in reference to your letter August 21 letter to me concerning my failure to pay PSC regulatory fees on time and the proposed penalties for this. (Item No. 19**PAA Docket No. 980813 - TC)

This letter to you is not a 'protest', because in fact I did not pay the \$50.00 fee on time and there is no one to blame but myself for not paying and submitting the paperwork as required. All I can do is ask the consideration (or mercy) of the commission, offer an explanation of (NOT an excuse for) my failure, and promise to try to do better in the future.

In form of an explanation of the situation (there is no real excuse) my mother died last August 16 after many years of debilitating ill health at home. I was her primary caregiver and this did occupy me day and night. Since her death, it has fallen to me alone as executor to deal with her property (a real mess beyond belief) and the legion of squabbling relatives. I did simply become physically and emotionally overwhelmed and ignored many important aspects of my personal business as a result.

I realize that I am not unique; many people have elderly sick mothers die, and settle estates and deal with much more and still manage to keep up with their personal business....but I fell behind and ignored many things that needed attention. My fault only.

As to the phone business, in 1993 I was taken in by a 800 Number business opportunity scam ('make money with payphones!') I have only 15 payphone locations, many of which are marginal at best. The predatory aspects of the business have moved here from S. Florida and hardly a month goes by without an unscrupulous locator trying to forcibly remove one or more of the few phones I have left. The reality is that the \$500. fine you have proposed represents 2 months plus of very slim profits...and I simply do not have \$500. to pay. I am otherwise employed by the Wackenhut Corp. as a security guard, and it requires nearly everything to just get by.

I realize that business is business, and that I have no one to blame but myself for falling behind. I can only ask for the consideration and mercy of the Commission and the opportunity of another chance to do better in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.....

Sincerely,

Michael R. Sheldon

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Agenda for
Commission Conference
September 1, 1998

ITEM NO.

CASE

19**PAA

DOCKET NO. 980813-TC - Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Pay Telephone Certificate No. 3446 issued to Carman Communication, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: Full Commission
Prehrg Officer ADM

Staff: CMU: Isler
LEG: K. Peña

Issue 1: Should the Commission impose a \$500 fine or cancel Carman Communication, Inc.'s Pay Telephone Certificate Number 3446 for apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should impose a \$500 fine or cancel the company's certificate if the fine and the regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalties and interest, are not received by the Commission within five business days after conclusion of the 21-day protest period. The fine should be paid to the Florida Public Service Commission and forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the Commission's order is not protested and the fine and regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalties and interest, are not received, Certificate Number 3446 should be canceled.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of the issuance date of the order, the order will become final. Upon payment of the fines and fees, or cancellation of the certificate, this docket should be closed.

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA

CONFERENCE DATE AND TIME: September 1, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center

DATE ISSUED: August 21, 1998

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