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Florida Public Service Commission  
Study on Fair Rates (#980000A-SP)  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

**Re: Long Distance Telephone Connection Rates**

Gentlemen:

At the present time our business is paying a long distance connection rate of \$2.50 plus tax to our long distance service and \$8.14 plus tax to our local telephone carrier for each of the 87 telephone numbers our company has, a total of \$925.68 plus tax. Now your Commission is considering raising the long distance connection services on residential telephones as well.

For dozens of years there was no such thing as long distance connection charges. When such charges were introduced, it constituted a burden on telephone subscribers which was low enough so that we felt no reason to complain. At this point the connection charges placed on businesses and the charges proposed for residential subscribers constitutes an unnecessary and offensive burden on telephone subscribers.

There are many telephone subscribers who do not use long distance in connection with their phone service and they should not be charged long distance connection charges. It is our belief that the telephone companies have the ability to easily delete long distance service from any number that does not desire to place long distance calls and these numbers should not be charged for long distance connection. It appears to us that such long distance connection services are a "gimmick" whereby telephone companies make extra profits and can, therefore, afford the various cash gifts they give to subscribers who change their carriers and the discounts the telephone companies give to certain subscribers.

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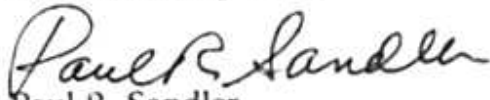
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Members of the Legislature and members of the Public Service Commission should remember that they are in office to serve the well being of the public and not to make telephone companies rich.

The alternative to legislators and public service commissioners who do not think about the public is to vote in only those legislators who have the public interest at heart and who appoint public service commissioners who have the best interest of the public at heart.

Very truly yours,

**CROWN LIQUORS**



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