ORIGINAL

Telecommunications
E Commerce
Technology
Corporate & Finance
Trademarks
Proprietary Rights
Complex Litigation
General Business Law

The Helein Law Group, P.C.

8180 Greensboro Drive Suite 700 McLean, VA 22102

(703) 714-1300 (Telephone) (703) 714-1330 (Facsimile) mail@helein.com

Writer's Direct Dial Number

Management Consulting Group Global Telecompetition Consultants, Inc. (GTC) (703) 714-1320 (Telephone) (703) 714-1305

February 9, 2000

Pdean@hclein.com

Writer's E-mail Address

Staff Counsel Banks/Dale Buys Docket no. 001066 Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Re: Second Revised Final Settlement Proposal of America's Tele-Network, Inc., Docket Nos. 001066 and 001813

Felicia, Dale and staff:

- 1. On behalf of America's Tele-Network, Inc. ("AT-N" or "the company") we hereby respectfully tender the company's second revised final settlement offer to terminate the initiation of show cause proceedings in Docket nos. 001066 and 001813 for apparent violations of Rules 25-4.118 and 25-4.043 F.A.C., as per our Friday, February 2 discussion with staff.
- 2. The company agrees not to object to the involuntary cancellation of its Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide long distance (no. 4377) and local services (no. 4834). This agreement in no way constitutes an admission of wrongdoing on the part of the company or its agents, rather said agreement reflects the legal and financial exigencies facing the company in the current hostile business and regulatory environment.
- 3. AT-N also agrees to provide restitution by February 28, 2001 for all Florida customers who filed a complaint before the date of this settlement with either the company or the Commission. Such restitution shall include full compensation for all 158 of the outstanding alleged complaints against AT-N in the state of Florida.
- 4. In return for the concessions offered in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Company understands that the Florida Public Service Commission will accept its Certificates in lieu of the fines currently being sought in the proceedings denoted

FPSC-BUREAU OF RECORD

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

03382 MAR 165

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

CMP
COM
CTR
ECR
LEG T
OPC
PAI
RGO
SEC T
SER
OTH Pack 1kt

APP

by the docket numbers 001066 and 001813 or any other dockets arising from complaints against AT-N within the timeframe covered by this settlement, to wit, from February 1996 through February 9, 2001.

- 5. In addition, the Company further understands that no new proceedings will be brought against AT-N for violations that occurred in the time frame set forth in paragraph 4.
- 6. As stated previously, the Company ceased marketing in the state on Oct. 1, 2000 and has also ceased active operations other than minimal customer maintenance actions. Each AT-N customer will be notified in writing by March 1, 2001 that operations will effectively cease March 31, 2001. Said customer notice is submitted herewith for Commission approval.
- 7. AT-N appreciates the Commission's staff willingness to work towards a realistic solution and their professionalism in these negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Dean

AT-N Regulatory Counsel for Florida

CC: AT-N



February 9, 2001

ANY CUSTOMER STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP

Re: URGENT NOTICE - YOUR ACTION REQUIRED

America's Tele-Network, Inc.

DEAR CUSTOMER:

As you may well be aware, residential long distance companies across the country, including the "Big 3," AT&T, WorldCom and Sprint, are experiencing increased pressure on their bottom lines. These troubled times arise from the hypercompetitive environment in the long distance industry. If these conditions cause the likes of AT&T to struggle, they make it impossible for a small business like our company to continue its operations.

The company will cease its Florida operations on March 31, 2001. What this means for you as a customer is simply this: YOU MUST SELECT A NEW LONG DISTANCE CARRIER BEFORE THIS DATE TO AVOID AN INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE. YOUR LOCAL PHONE SERVICE IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS NOTICE AS WE DO NOT PROVIDE ANY LOCAL SERVICES IN FLORIDA.

It has been our privilege to serve you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John D. Little President AT-N