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August 29, 2001

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 010774-TP

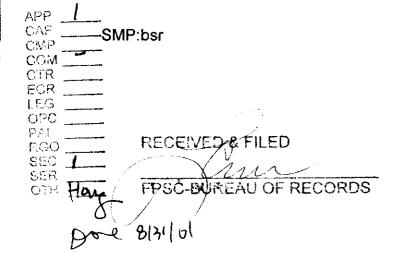
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 15 copies the Comments of Florida Citizens.

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Sincerely,

Stephen M. Presnell Associate Public Counsel



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### **BEFORE** THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition of The Citizens of the State of Florida to initiate rulemaking which will require telephone companies to give customers reasonable notice before customers incur higher charges or change in services, and allow them to evaluate competing alternative providers. Docket No. 010774-TP

Filed: August 29, 2001

### COMMENTS OF FLORIDA CITIZENS

The Florida Public Service Commission rules do not require telephone companies to provide notice to customers of price increases in advance of the implementation of new rates or changes in the terms and conditions of service.

Historically, notification of price changes was accomplished by providing copies of telephone company tariffs in business offices that were located in every exchange area and by the required publication of public notices and customer notification when companies applied for general rate increases that required public hearings.

Today, many telecommunications companies do not have public offices Their tariffs are not generally available to the public. And the days of general rate cases and public hearings have disappeared along with rate of return regulation.

The advent of competitive local, intralata and interlata services has created a myriad of new suppliers engaged in offering a wide range of basic and optional services and packages that, in total, can become bewildering to an individual consumer. Even the most sophisticated of telecommunications customers is challenged to achieve the level of understanding that is necessary for the consumer to benefit from the competitive marketplace Uninformed consumers make for an inefficient marketplace in which companies achieve financial gain through consumer ignorance.

Common sense dictates that parties to a contract for ongoing services must have adequate advance notice when the prices, terms or conditions of the service contract change. We do not contest the ability of telecommunications companies to change their prices. We do, however, take exception to the practice of not notifying customers of a change in price or other terms and conditions that result in increased rates. Current procedures at best provide notice of price changes after the fact, thus denying a customer the ability to make a market decision in advance of a price change. Unless the rules are changed, telecommunications consumers will continue to be made aware of price increases only when they receive a new bill, after the fact, and only if they should notice a change in price. However, the dark side of the existing equation is that under

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current rules, telecommunications companies can engage in ongoing changes in prices and terms and conditions that work to the detriment of their subscribers without the customer ever being aware of the changes.

Changes in the terms and conditions of a service can have the same effect on customers as a price increase, and such changes should also require advance notice to customers. Examples of changes in terms and conditions that could result in increased cost to customers would be changes in timing methodologies (i.e. rounding up) or addition of new rate elements that were previously part of the basic service rates (e.g. addition of a property tax rate element, or addition of a separate gross receipts tax rate element). The proposed rule includes both price changes and terms and conditions that either impact prices customers pay, or increase cost to subscribers as a result of a change in terms and conditions.

Existing Florida rules do not even ensure that, after the fact, customers will be aware of price increases, because itemization of prices is required only once a year.

The proposed rule includes a requirement that customers should receive notice regarding rate decreases and that such notice need not be made in advance. The carriers should not have the right to arbitrarily change prices or terms and conditions without notice. The improvements in rates and terms and conditions may not be satisfactory to the customers. Informed consumers are critical to the efficient functioning of a competitive market.

It is worthwhile to note that the FCC recently required long distance carriers to establish web sites that contain price lists on a current basis. (This is an inadequate solution -- many customers have neither the access nor skill required to use the Internet. Besides, how often should they look?) While the requirement may help some consumers to be aware of alternatives in the marketplace, it does not deal with the problems of lack of advance notice or the surreptitious price increase that is overlooked by the ratepayer. The FCC "notice requirement" puts the burden on the customers to seek out information that should be provided to them.

This issue (and many of the requirements in the Office of Public Counsel's proposed rule) is not unique to the State of Florida. For example, The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), Truth-in-Billing Work Group concluded that "A model rule that at a minimum requires conspicuous written notification of any changes in rates or calling plans is likely to ensure customers' receipt of timely information of future charges; this will also allow the customer to make informed decisions regarding his or her telephone service". (Attachment 1).

Consistent with the NARUC "Truth in Billing" model rules, the NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee, on June 4, 2001, registered its complaints to the nation's major long distance carriers regarding failure to provide advance notice to customers of recent price increases. (Attachment 2)

The State of Vermont Public Service Board found that "all customers need to have information on any changes in the price and terms and conditions of service that could increase a customer's costs to the consumer prior to taking service. This notice should be provided individually to consumers far enough in advance of the onset of price increases to allow the customer to explore other options and switch service providers". (Attachment 3). Thereafter, the Board required:

Telecommunications companies shall provide notice of any change in rates or other terms and conditions of service directly to each consumer that may be affected by the change in rates. If the change may increase the cost of service for a consumer, notice shall be provided at least 30 days in advance of any change in rates or terms and conditions of service, except that companies may provide notice through bill inserts provided that customers are notified at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of the change. If the Board allows a rate increase to take effect on less than 30-days' notice, the companies shall instead provide notice no later than the date on which the change is implemented. In the case of a rate decrease, companies shall notify each affected consumer no later than the first bill following implementation of the rate change. (Attachment 3).

The State of Minnesota permits telecommunications carriers to decrease rates "effective without notice to its customers or the commission" (Minnesota Statutes, 2000, 237.74(6)). Minnesota law also provides that a telecommunications carrier's filed tariff or price list is no "defense to any action brought for failure to disclose intrastate prices for which disclosure is required under this section" (Minnesota Statutes 2000, 237.662(3)).

The California Public Utilities Commission, "Telecommunications Division Staff Report and Recommendations", suggests that telecommunications carriers should notify customers "of any increase in rates, charges, or change in terms and conditions contained in an agreement that negatively impact the customer, at least 15 calendar days before the change becomes effective, with the exception of mandated fees." (Attachment 4) The staff further suggested that the notice should be "legible and printed in a 10-point type or larger. Such notice shall be sent via first class mail or through electronic means agreeable to the customer. . . ." (Attachment 4).

In Oklahoma, AT&T was forced to rescind a rate increase that was implemented in July 1999 because of angry customers who objected to increased rates that were implemented without advance notice. (Attachment 5)

The Office of Public Counsel proposal seeks to provide advanced notice to Florida ratepayers that will ensure that consumers have adequate notice, in advance, of a price increase. Such notice should allow the consumer to make a knowledgeable decision regarding the continuance of their service contract prior to the implementation of higher rates, or, in the alternative, to seek service from other providers.

The proposed rule would apply only to a price increase of an existing product for existing customers. It would not apply to price increase for new services, new promotions, or price increases that would apply only to new customers.

Public Counsel believes the rule is consistent with the goals of a market where companies are free to increase rates and where customers are free to reject such increases. The necessary balance that is needed to achieve an effective market is freedom for the seller to first, change the price, and, second, for the buyer to have sufficient information to make a knowledgeable decision to purchase or reject the offer. Effective markets cannot exist without knowledgeable, informed buyers.

Providing adequate and full disclosure regarding the prices and terms and conditions of service should be a basic obligation of telecommunications companies regulated by the Florida PSC. Disclosure is a cost of doing business in Florida, and the absence of a specific disclosure requirement by this Commission does not make it right. Regarding notice on the outside of the envelope, Public Counsel notes that it is common practice for bills or promotional materials to contain some sort of special notice statements on the outside of the envelope. (See Attachment 6 for examples of envelopes with notices printed on them.)

A well-informed consumer makes for a good customer that is hard to steal away. We believe the proposed rule will create knowledgeable, well-informed customers and that will benefit Florida companies as well as the customers.

Respectfully sumbitted,

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## The Critical Elements of a Model Telecommunications Billing Rule

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### 3. Rate Change Notification

Customers are sometimes unaware that changes in rates or rate plans have occurred and may need this information to evaluate their service. The Vermont Public Service Board issued an order requiring companies to provide a minimum of 30 days advance notice of rate changes "... directly to each consumer that may be affected by the change," with the exception that "... companies may provide notice through bill inserts provided that customers are notified at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of the change."<sup>6</sup> The staff report from the California PUC<sup>7</sup> recommends the adoption of a sinular provision with a minimum font size and mailing specifications. UCAN supports this recommendation, but also advocates the use of specific terminology as to what constitutes "sufficient notice", including the "name and nature of the service" to be increased or decreased, the past rate and the anticipated new rate increase or decrease.<sup>8</sup>

Conclusion: A model rule that at a minimum requires conspicuous written notification of any changes in rates or calling plans is likely to ensure customers' receipt of timely information of future charges; this will also allow the customer to make informed decisions regarding his or her telephone service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>State of Vermont Public Service Board, Investigation into Service Quality Standards, Privacy Protections, and other Consumer Safeguards for Retail Telecommunications Service, Docket No. 5903, Order of July 2,1999, p. 43, as downloaded from: http://www.state.vt.us/psb/document/5903finalorder.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>California Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Protections For a Competitive Telecommunications Industry, February 3, 2000, p. 19, as downloaded from: http://www.ucan.org/law\_policy/teledocs/telco\_cons\_protect\_report.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Comments of the Utility Consumers Action Network (UCAN) to the California Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Protection in Telecommunications Services: The Challenge of Providing Small Customers with Market Information, Access and Redress and Control of Personal Information in an Evolving Industry, April 17, 2000, p. 105.

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----Original Message-----From: James Ramsay Emailto:ramsay@naruc.orgl Sent: Monday, June 04, 2001 2:00 PM Subject: NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee News Release Release Date: June 4, 2001 Brad Ramsay 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org Contact: Customers Receive No Advance Notice of New Billing Charge A group of state utility regulatory commissioners has gone on record opposing new long distance billing charges and the manner in which they have been imposed on customers. The Consumer Affairs Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) today sent letters to the nation's major long-distance providers, expressing its concern over the new charge appearing on many telephone customer bills across the country this year and how some long distance companies implemented the charge without notifying their customers. Only AT&T is singled out for praise because the nation's largest long distance carrier gave customers advance notice of the new charge and information on how to avoid pay the monthly fee. Customers of Sprint and AT&T are now being charged \$1.50 per month if thev receive and pay their long-distance charges with their local telephone bill. MCIWorldCom has not instituted this charge on a nationwide basis but is considering such a move. Many customers are uninformed or even unaware of this new chargen making it doubtful they would understand the charge could be avoided by requesting a separate bill or online payment option. The NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee questions the rationale for the need for the separate line item charge and goes on to ask the long-distance companies to do a better job of informing their customers about it. The NARUC members recognized that only AT&T has notified its customers in advance of this change and suggests the companies send customers follow-up information with ways to avoid the new billing charge. Long-distance companies cite increased costs for billing services provided

by former Bell local telephone companies. However, the committee of

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commissioners believes that changing costs of doing business cannot justify a separate line item charge, which it states "amounts to a rate increase." The NARUC committee further states that it "believes that consumer information is vital in a competitive marketplace. Companies should compete on the basis of business practices and customer relations in addition to price." Some states require individual customer notifications before implementing new charges such as this on customer bills. However those state

regulations do not necessarily apply to interstate long distance services.

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### STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

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Docket No. 5903

Investigation into Service Quality Standards, Privacy Protections, and other Consumer Safeguards for Retail Telecommunications Service

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<sup>1.</sup> At the time of the hearings, Champlain Valley Telecom, Inc. and Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company, Inc. were separate entities. Since that time, the two companies have merged into a single entity. The appearances reflect the status at the time of hearings.

These practices are harmful to Vermont consumers. Therefore, I conclude that all customers need to have information on any changes in the price and terms and conditions of service that could increase a customer's costs to the consumer prior to taking service. This notice should be provided individually to consumers far enough in advance of the onset of price increases to allow the customer's explore other options and switch service providers. This practice is also consistent with current Board rulings affecting companies that employ rate bands; the Board recently concluded that these companies should notify their customers of changes to the prices within a rate band at least 30 days in advance of a proposed rate change.<sup>166</sup>

In general, the 30-day notice is reasonable. However, requiring service providers to conduct a separate mailing may increase costs. Therefore, it is reasonable to allow companies that provide notice of rate change through inserts in customer bills to coordinate the notice with the bill, so long as consumers still have sufficient time to evaluate the changed rates, terms and conditions and pursue other options if they find the changes unacceptable. These companies must provide notice at least 15 days prior to the effective date in the change of rates, permitting companies to avoid the cost of separate mailings.<sup>167</sup> Two exceptions to the notice requirement should exist. Companies need not provide advance notice of rate decreases, although the customer's first bill or other material disseminated individually to affected customers shall occur no later than the first bill after the rate decrease. Similarly, if the Board allows a rate increase or a change in terms and conditions that may increase rates to take effect in less than one month, the companies shall provide notice concurrent with the implementation of the changed tariffs.<sup>168</sup> These principles are embodied in the following requirement.

Telecommunications companies shall provide notice of any change in rates or other terms and conditions of service directly to each consumer that may be affected by the change in rates. If the change may increase the cost of service

<sup>166.</sup> Docket 5713, Order of 2/4/99 at 49.

<sup>167.</sup> Today, notice of rate changes for telecommunications providers is often performed by placing notices in newspapers. Newspaper notice, however, is unlikely to reach many, if not most, of a company's affected subscribers. Tr. 5/22/97 at 123-124 (Friar). Such notice does not, therefore, meet the needs of consumers and is not an adequate substitute for individualized notice.

<sup>168.</sup> Exh. DPS-CP/P-2 at 3.

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for a consumer, notice shall be provided at least 30 days in advance of any change in rates or terms and conditions of service, except that companies may provide notice through bill inserts provided that customers are notified at least 15 days in advance of the effective date of the change. If the Board allows a rate increase to take effect on less than 30-days' notice, the companies shall instead provide notice no later than the date on which the change is implemented. In the case of a rate decrease, companies shall notify each affected consumer no later than the first bill following implementation of the rate change.

This recommendation is consistent with Section 225(a), which allows the Board to direct the notice that companies shall provide their customers of rate changes, and thus does not require further rulemaking to be implemented.<sup>169</sup> It ensures adequate notice to consumers. At the same time, it is tailored so that companies need not notify consumers that are unaffected by the rate change.

The advanced notice requirement may reduce the flexibility of companies to rapidly deploy new products. Vermont law, however, already requires that tariff changes be filed at least 45 days in advance of the intended date for implementing service. The advance notice requirement thus should not inhibit companies from changing services.<sup>170</sup> At the same time, it ensures that customers are provided with the information necessary to allow them to make informed choices.

### f. Fair Marketing Practices

Consumers not only need accurate information, but also should be free from unfair and deceptive practices. All parties agree that companies in the competitive marketplace must engage in honest and fair marketing practices.<sup>171</sup> To implement these principles, the Industry, through Code of Conduct Item A5, proposes that the Board require companies to "engage in honest and fair marketing practices, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations of the

<sup>169.</sup> The notice requirement also is consistent with the practices of several other states. For example, New Hampshire requires notice of rate changes no later than 30 days from the date of filing with the Public Utilities Commission. N.H. Code Admin. R. PUC 403.08. See also Or. Admin. R. 860-034-0310.

<sup>170.</sup> It is possible that tariff requirements will be modified or relaxed in the future under 30 V.S.A §§ 226a, 226b, or 227a. If the Board reduces the tariff filing requirements or the review of those tariffs, advance notice to consumers may be the only way by which consumers are notified that rates are changed – until they receive a bill reflecting those changes.

<sup>171.</sup> Exh. DPS-CP/P-1 at 11; exh. Independents-1 at 6; exh. NYNEX-1 at 11.

# CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR A COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

February 3, 2000

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### Rule 7: Late payment, Back-billing, and Prorating of Charges

- a. Late Payment Charges. A late payment charge of not more than 1.5% per month may be applied to the undisputed, overdue telephone bill amount. The bill amount becomes overdue when the utility or agent does not receive payment on or before the payment due date. The late payment date shall not be less than 16 days after the bill mailing date. Carriers shall credit payments on the business day payments are received by the carrier or its agent, to avoid assessing late payment charges incorrectly. Late payment charges shall be credited to the customer for amounts that are in dispute. Late payment charges shall not be applied to amounts in dispute that are resolved in the customer's favor.
- b. Backbilling. A bill shall not include any previously unbilled charge for intrastate service furnished prior to three months immediately preceding the date of the bill, four months in the case of CMRS "roamer" charges on a foreign system, and five months for collect and 3<sup>rd</sup> party billed calls. A backbilling period of one and one-half years will be permitted in cases involving customer fraud. Customers are permitted a period of three years to seek redress in the case of utility over-billing.
- c. Prorating Charges. Carriers shall prorate customer monthly recurring charges for service for partial months. A 30-day month may be used for prorating in lieu of calendar days.

### Rule 8: Notices of Change in Service Terms and of Ownership

- a. All affected customers shall be notified of any increase in rates, charges, or change in terms and conditions contained in an agreement that negatively impact the customer, at least 15 calendar days before the change becomes effective, with the exception of mandated fees.
- b. Any notice the carrier sends to customers, or the Commission, shall

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be legible and printed in a 10-point type or larger. Such notice shall be sent via first class mail or through electronic means agreeable to the customer. Notice shall contain the carrier's name and "FCC #" or "Cal. PUC U-#".

- c. No change in the rates, terms, and conditions of any service specified in a written contract shall be enforceable unless such change is set forth in writing signed by the customer who signed the original contract, or that customer's duly authorized agent.
- d. Customers shall be notified of any change of ownership of the company providing service to the customer as follows:
  - 1. The notice shall be in writing.
  - 2. The carrier shall provide it to customers no later than 30 days before the proposed transfer.
  - 3. The notice shall contain a straightforward description of the upcoming transfer, any change in the customer's service agreement, a statement of the customer's right to switch to another carrier, and a toll-free telephone number for questions.

### Rule 9: Service Termination and Notice

- a. Any deposits, less the undisputed amount of any unpaid bills for service furnished by the carrier, shall be refunded within 30 days after the discontinuance of service, or after one year if applicant has established a record of payment in compliance with the carrier's terms, whichever is earlier.
- b. Notices to terminate service for nonpayment of bills shall be provided in writing to the customer not less than 7 calendar days prior to termination, with the exception of termination for customer acts of fraud.
- c. Carriers may not disconnect local exchange or long distance telephone service for failure to pay disputed charges for "information services" (non-telecommunications related services) or separately billed charges of other telephone companies, pursuant to P.U. Code Sections 2884 – 2882.6 and 2889 – 28°9.2.
- d. Each notice of termination shall include all of the following information:
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  - 2. The name and address of the customer whose account is delinquent.
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  - 4. The date when payment or arrangements for payment are required in order to avoid termination.
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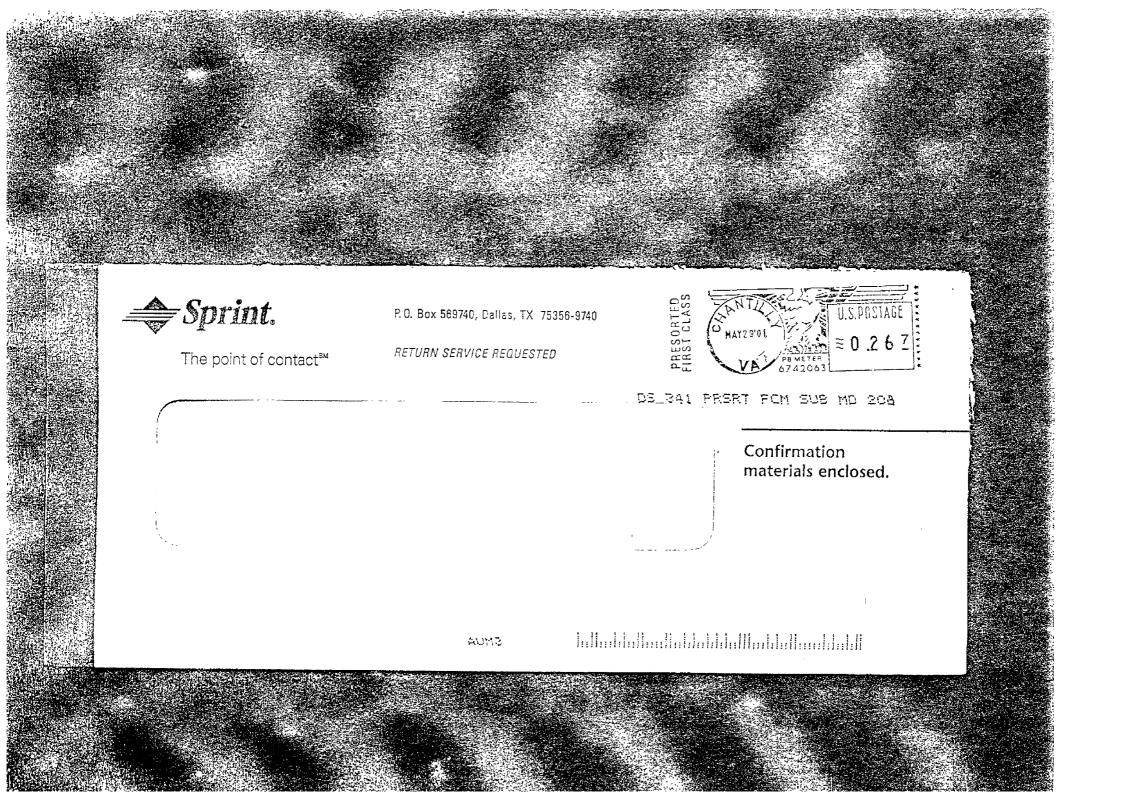
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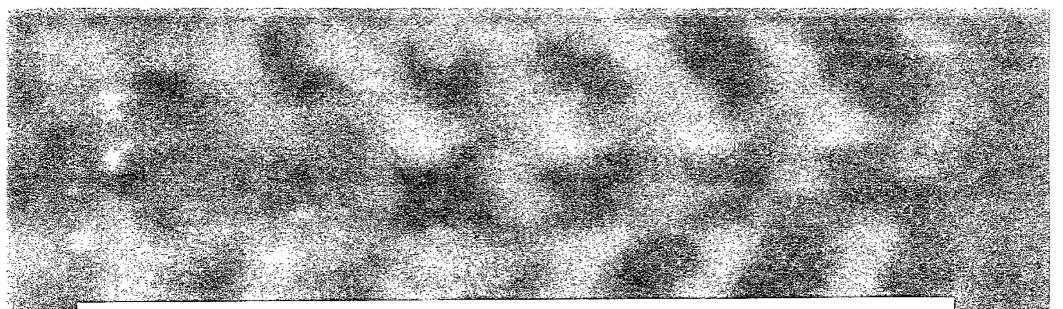
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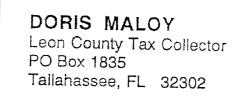
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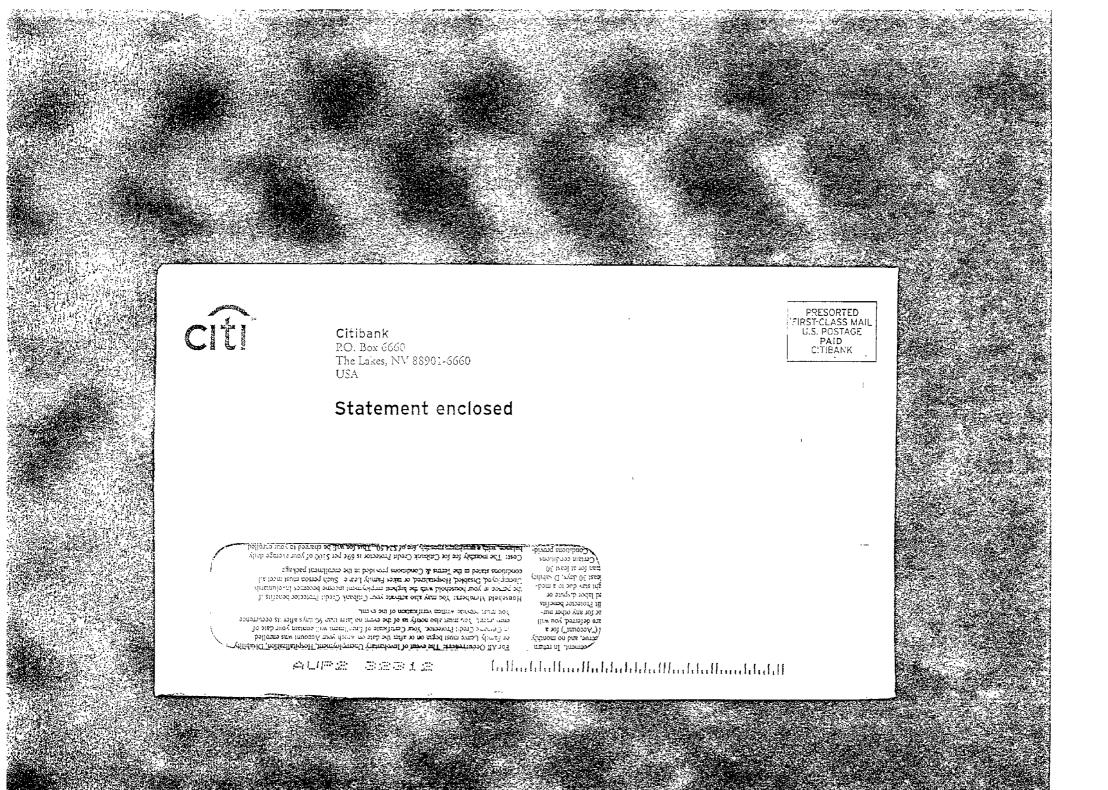


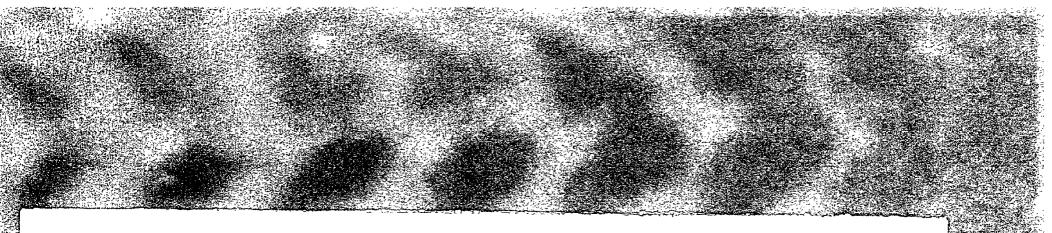
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