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Re: Docket 000733-TL

Dear Chairman Baez:

On March 10, 2004, the Office of Public Counsel and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., filed a joint motion to use unclaimed refunds for the promotion of Lifeline and Linkup programs. That motion asked the Commission to approve an agreement to use approximately \$2.9 million of available money from unclaimed late-payment charge refunds for this purpose. I've attached a copy of the joint motion.

Your staff recommended approval of the agreement, and Commission action on the recommendation was scheduled for the June 1, 2004 Commission agenda conference. For reasons not known to me, the Commission deferred voting on the recommendation, and it has not yet been rescheduled for consideration.

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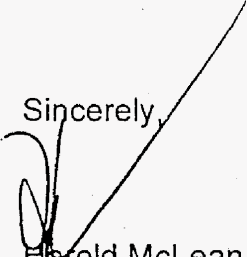
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program, and we can and must do much better. Using available funds such as these unclaimed refunds to promote the Lifeline and Linkup programs will help us increase the take-rate for the programs and will help us make sure that every eligible Floridian can have phone service.

Sincerely,



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cc: all parties of record