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Re: Petition for Waiver of Rules and Requirements
Prohibiting Provision of 0+ Local and IntraLATA Calls
From Store and Forward Pay Telephones Located in
Confinement Institutions by Telequip Labs

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Dear Sir/Madam:

tmi@tminc.com Enclosed for filing are the original and fifteen (15)
copies of the above-referenced petition of Telequip Labs,
Inc. for waiver of Commission rules and requirements
related to 0+ local and intraLATA calls from confinement
institutions.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping
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purpose.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to my
attention at (407) 740-8575.

Yours truly,

Hal Stringer
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for waiver of rules and)
requirements prohibiting provision of)
0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls from)
store-and-forward pay telephones located)
in confinement institutions by)
Telequip Labs, Inc.)
_____)

Docket No. _____

PETITION FOR WAIVER

Pursuant to Commission Rule 25-24.505(3), Florida Administrative Code, Telequip Labs, Inc. ("Telequip") petitions the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") for a waiver of those rules and requirements prohibiting Telequip from providing 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls using store-and-forward pay telephones located in confinement institutions within the state of Florida. In support of its petition, Telequip states:

1. Petitioner's name and address are:

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3. Telequip is incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada. Telequip filed concurrent with this petition, an application for Certificate to Provide Pay Telephone Service with the Commission. At this time, the company does not provide service within the State of Florida.

4. Telequip proposes in its application for a Certificate to Provide Pay Telephone Service to offer telecommunications services to inmates of confinement institutions within the state of Florida similar to services it currently offers in other jurisdictions. The Company installs sophisticated premises equipment in confinement institutions that permits inmates to make outgoing, collect-only calls without the assistance of a live operator. The company's services are provided through telephone instruments connected to a centralized call processing unit with store-and-forward capability.

Through this equipment, the company provides a number of controls and restrictions that serve to reduce or eliminate fraudulent use of telephone services. These restrictions also provide the confinement institution with increased control over the use of the telecommunications services used by inmates of the institution.

5. Telequip seeks waivers of Rules 25-24.515(7) and 25-24.620(2)(c) and (d). These rules prohibit Telequip from providing and billing for 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls placed by inmates of confinement institutions. Specifically, Telequip seeks authority to provide and bill for 0+ local and intraLATA calls placed by inmates using its store-and-forward pay telephones. Telequip believes that the benefits afforded to confinement institutions and the general public, such as call screening and blocking, currently proposed with its interLATA service will be enhanced if Telequip is allowed to handle 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls as well.

6. Waivers requested by Telequip are similar to those already granted by the Commission to other pay telephone providers including Ameritel Pay Phones, Inc.¹, ATN, Inc.², Global Tel*Link³, InVision Telecom, Inc.⁴, and T-Netix, Inc.⁵ In its orders granting waivers similar to those requested by Telequip, the Commission recognized that no reason could be found to prevent NPATS from carrying 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls. In addition, the Commission found that allowing NPATS to carry such calls is a step toward a more competitive market place.

7. Should these waivers be granted, Telequip agrees to charge no more than the serving local exchange carrier for local and intraLATA 0+ calls placed from confinement institutions.

¹ In Re: Petition for waiver of Rules 25-24.620(2)(c) and (d) and 25-24.515(7), F.A.C., by Ameritel Pay Phones, Inc., Docket No. 960570-TC, Order No. PSC-96-1063-FOF-TC, Issued August 20, 1996.

² In Re: Request for waiver of rules and policies which prohibit provision of 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls from store-and-forward pay telephones located in confinement facilities, by ATN, Inc., Docket No. 960603-TC, Order No. PSC-96-1062-FOF-TC, Issued August 20, 1996.

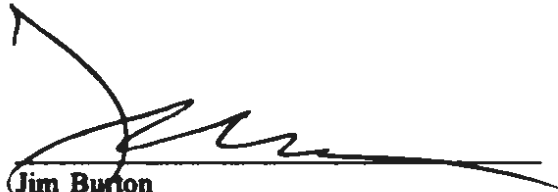
³ In Re: Petition for waiver of rules and policies to permit provision of 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA utilizing store and forward technology at pay telephones located in correctional institutions and other confinement facilities, by Global Tel*Link Corporation, Docket No. 951198-TC, Order No. PSC-96-0867-FOF-TC, Issued July 2, 1996.

⁴ In Re: Petition for waiver of requirement prohibiting provision of 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls from store-and-forward pay telephones located in confinement facilities, by InVision Telecom, Inc., Docket No. 960407-TC, Order No. PSC-96-1009-FOF-TC, Issued August 7, 1996.

⁵ In Re: Petition for waiver of Rule 25-24.515 (7), F.A.C., and Rule 25-24.620(2)(c) and (d), F.A.C., regarding 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA traffic, by T-Netix, Inc., Docket No. 95-1456-TP, Order No. PSC-96-0868-FOF-TP, Issued July 2, 1996.

WHEREFORE, Telequip Labs, Inc. respectfully requests, subject to approval of its application for certification, that it be granted a waiver of the applicable rules, orders and policies currently prohibiting it from providing and billing for 0+ local and 0+ intraLATA calls made from store-and-forward pay telephones located in confinement institutions, and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 27 day of April, 1998.



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