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Re: Amendment To Petition For Waiver

Dear Mr. D'Haeseleer,

Enclosed please find Global Tel*Link Corporation's Amendment to its Petition For Waiver of rules 25-24.515(5) and (15), Florida Administrative Code. Global requests that these amendments be incorporated into its original petition and the Commission's Order granting waiver, PSC-98-1323-FOF-TC, remain in effect.

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In Re: Petition of Global Tel*Link Corporation for exemption from order, rules, and regulations prohibiting termination of conversations after ten minutes on calls placed from pay telephones located in confinement institutions.

Docket No: 980951-TC Order No: PSC-98-1323-FOF-TC Issued: October 9, 1998

AMENDMENT TO PETITION

COMES NOW, Global Tel*Link Corporation ("Global"), and amends its Petition For Waiver of rules 25-24.515(5) and (15), Florida Administrative Code, ("The Petition"), to reflect the facilities that may be affected by this Petition, specifically, various county correctional facilities within the state of Florida. Global hereby amends in the following manner:

Paragraph (4) of the Petition should read in its entirety:

Global offers pay telephone services to inmates of confinement institutions within the state of Florida using sophisticated equipment that permits inmates to place outbound, collect-only calls. Global's system was developed specifically to help governmental correctional facilities deal with their unique needs and problems. Such problems include call forwarding schemes, credit card abuse, subscription improprieties and harassing telephone calls to victims, witnesses and judges. Global provides an extensive, flexible set of tools for the prison administrator, all designed on a customized site-by-site basis. Global currently serves approximately nineteen (19) county correctional facilities in the state of Florida. Paragraph (6) of the Petition should read in its entirety:

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Correctional administrators may seek to have the capability to limit such calls to a ten minute duration during certain periods and circumstances in confinement institutions. Rule 25-24.515(15) provides certain exemptions for pay stations in confinement institutions, including exemption from rule 25-24.515(5), except for the audible and written fifteen minute disconnect notification. Reducing conversation time from fifteen minutes to ten minutes will not disadvantage inmates and will provide the facility's administrators with additional control over conversation time if the situation warrants reduced conversation time.

Paragraph (9) of the Petition should read in its entirety:

The Commission recently approved similar requests for exemption from Orders, Rules and Regulations prohibiting termination of conversation after ten minutes on calls placed from pay telephones located in confinement institutions within the state of Florida filed by Sprint Communications Company Limited Partnership, Docket Number 970551-TC and MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Docket Number 971113-TC.

These amendments will clarify that Global currently provides operator services to county correctional facilities as opposed to facilities within the Florida Department of Corrections. Accordingly, the phrase in paragraph (9) stating, "the Department of Corrections desires to have the same payphone policies in place at all of its facilities," is inapplicable with respect to Global's Petition as it is not currently engaged in business with the Florida DOC. Also, for clarity, Global requests that this waiver be allowed on a facility-by-facility basis at the election of the administrators.

WHEREFORE, Global respectfully requests that this Commission incorporate these amendments into its original Petition and that the Commission's Order granting waiver remain in effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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