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To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby request that the State of Florida cancel my Certificate (#5957) to provide Pay Telephone (PATS) service as of Monday, December 13, 1998. My experience with another Florida corporation, Ameriphone, Inc. (#5886), has been ^{nothing} all but a nightmare. They engage in schemes to promote, offer to sell and sell pay phone business ventures. They ~~offer~~ advertise their venture in newspapers across the country. The ads offer high traffic, secured, and established pay phone routes. They promise prospective purchasers of their business ventures "guaranteed" minimum income levels from the telephones and assure prospective purchasers that

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profitable locations are plentiful. After paying Ameriphone thousands of dollars for the telephone business venture, earnings never did come close to reaching the "guaranteed" minimum income levels. This is in direct violation of Section 5(a) of the Federal Trade Commission Act which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting Commerce. In truth and in fact, few, if any, purchasers attain the specific level of earnings represented by Ameriphone, and such figures are not accurate estimates of the sales or income purchasers can reasonably expect. Therefore, these representations are false and misleading and constitute unfair or deceptive acts

or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act. Let it also be known that Ameriphone, Inc. ordered several telephone lines through Bell South with the intention that I operate under their certificate (# 5886) until I received my own certificate number. According to Rick Moses (850) 413-6582 who works for the Public Service Commission, the fact that Ameriphone orders phone lines using their PSC # only to have others operate under that PSC #, is a violation and an abuse of their PSC #. Consequently, Ameriphone, Inc. could be subject to a \$10,000/day fine and revocation of their PSC # 5886. Your

organization would be wise to look into such illegal and unethical practices. In light of my ~~presence~~ ^{situation} with ~~the~~ ^{current} ~~operator~~ ^{the} pay telephone industry, I also ask that the PSC. ~~to~~ waive the \$50 regulatory assessment fee since I never had the opportunity to use or operate under ~~the~~ my own PSC #. My PSC # was granted after all phones were removed from operation. Amurphones PSC # was used prior to removal.

Sincerely,
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