BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of Show Cause) DOCKET NO. 891287-TC Proceedings Against PARAMOUNT COMMUNI-) CATION SYSTEMS, INC. for violation of) ORDER NO. 23759 Rule 25-24.515, F.A.C., Pay Telephone) Service Standards. ISSUED: 11-14-90

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman THOMAS M. BEARD BETTY EASLEY FRANK S. MESSERSMITH

ORDER RESOLVING SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDINGS AND ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT OFFER

BY THE COMMISSION:

During 1988 and 1989, service evaluations performed on pay telephones operated by Paramount Communications Systems (Paramount or the Company), revealed that certain instruments were in violation of Commission Rules. Specifically, the evaluations identified repeat violations where access was not available to handicapped people.

Rule 25-24.515, Florida Administrative Code, requires in pertinent part:

(13) Each telephone station installed after January 5, 1987 shall conform to subsections 4.29.2 - 4.29.4 and 4.29.7 -4.29.8 of the American National Standards Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible and Usable by Physically Handicapped People, approved February 5, 1986 by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI A117.1 - 1986). Except for locations on floors above or below entry level in buildings not serviced by a ramp or elevator, such stations shall be placed in areas accessible to the physically handicapped.

In addition, it was determined that certain pay telephones did not reserve all 0-, 0+, and 1+ intraLATA traffic to the local exchange companies (LECs), as required by Order No. 20610, issued January 17, 1989, and Reconsideration Order No. 21614, issued July 27, 1989. The Company's responses stated that the original

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violations had been corrected, but follow up evaluations indicated they had not.

On June 5, 1990, we received an offer of settlement from the Company. The terms of the offer provide that the Company: (1) has complied with Rule 25-24.515(13) by making all pay telephones wheelchair accessible; (2) has programmed all of its payphones to meet Commission requirements that all 0+ and 0- traffic be reserved to the LECs; (3) agrees to pay a sum of \$1000 to this Commission in consideration for and settlement of any alleged violations arising out of the same facts and circumstances which resulted in opening this docket.

We believe that the Company's offer of settlement is both appropriate and adequate. Paramount has completed the corrective action necessary to comply with our requirements. In addition, the Company has satisfactorily explained why corrective action had not been taken after our initial evaluation. Accordingly, we accept Paramount's proposed settlement.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that we accept Paramount Communication Systems, Inc.'s offer of settlement as stated in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that acceptance of this offer shall constitute a final disposition of the show cause proceeding. It is further

ORDERED that Paramount Communication Systems, Inc. shall remit the sum of \$1000 to the Commission within 30 days of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of the settlement payment, this docket be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 14th day of NOVEMBER, 1990

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900 (a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. 067