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Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division Of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 980222-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please be advised that Atlantic Telecommunication Systems, Inc. (ATS) wishes to withdraw it's request to seek termination of Vista-United Telecommunications' (Vista) rural exemption pursuant to section 47 U.S.C 251(f)(1)(B).

As the attached letter indicates, ATS and Vista have agreed during the next 90 days to enter into discussions concerning the development of a resale agreement, and that this undertaking shall not constitute a waiver by Vista of it's rural exemption pursuant to section 47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1)(A), nor shall it affect ATS's right to refile it's request to seek termination of Vista's rural exemption should the negotiations fail to produce a mutually satisfactory resale agreement.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions please call me at 561/471-1864.

Very truly yours,

Jed Stabler
Corporate Counsel

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Mr. Jerold Stabler, CEO
 Atlantic Telecommunications Systems
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 West Palm Beach, Florida 33417

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Dear Mr. Stabler:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of February 23, 1998, regarding acceptable procedures for attempting to resolve the pending Florida Public Service Commission's docketed proceeding. We share your interest in avoiding protracted litigation. As long as each party's legal rights can be properly preserved, Vista-United ("Vista") agrees that we should make a reasonable effort to accommodate your request for a resale agreement with Vista.

To protect both parties' legal rights, Vista and Atlantic Telecommunications Systems ("Atlantic") agree that a) this undertaking, including without limitation, any telephone calls, correspondence or other communication or documentation by and between the parties, does not constitute a waiver by Vista of its rural exemption pursuant to §47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1)(A), and b) Atlantic will immediately advise the Florida Public Service Commission that it is withdrawing its request to seek termination of Vista's rural exemption pursuant to §47 U.S.C. 251(f)(1)(B).

Vista agrees during the next ninety (90) days, to understand and explore ways to reasonably accommodate Atlantic's request for resale. If, at the end of that time period, Vista and Atlantic have not reached an agreement satisfactory to both parties, then Atlantic will be free to refile its request with the Florida Public Service Commission. In that event, the parties will pursue all of their respective legal rights and defenses as if this attempt to reach an agreement never occurred.

If Atlantic agrees with these procedures and this understanding, please sign and date a copy of this letter on the lines provided, and return it to me at fax number 407/827-2600. If you have any questions, please call me at 407/827-2170.

Yours truly,


 James T. Schumacher
 Manager - Business Affairs

Atlantic Telecommunications Systems, Inc. agrees:

By: 

Jerold Stabler, CEO

February 25, 1998