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MEMORANDUM

September 15, 1998

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (BEDELL) **CB**

RE: DOCKET NO. 980606-TI - Initiation of show cause proceedings against Valu-Tel, Inc. d/b/a Public Communications, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-24.470, F.A.C., Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Required.

Attached is a **SETTLEMENT OFFER LETTER DATED JUNE 29, 1998**, to be filed in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in letter - 1)

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cc: Division of Communications

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VALU-TEL INC.

June 29, 1998

Catherine Bedell
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State of Florida, Public Service Commission
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Bedell,

The following is a summary of our meeting on June 24, 1998. I will briefly explain these and also request that the Commission accept my proposal that \$5,000 be paid as a result of an error of judgment on my part, as President, of the companies I manage.


I am President of two small marketing companies, both located at the same address. Valu-Tel, Inc. (VTI) was incorporated in Georgia in 1993 and Public Communications, Inc. (PCI) in 1991. Both of these companies are marketing companies only and have no switching equipment or telecommunications tariffs. I made an error in listing Valu-Tel, Inc. and Public Communications, Inc. on the order forms used for customers to order residential 1-800 service. Both companies, PCI and VTI, utilize Telecommunications Service Center, Inc., (TSCI) for billing and long distance services. TSCI is a long distance carrier with tariffs and switching equipment located in Tampa, Florida.

The second action taken was to discontinue the use of "sweepstakes" with the marketing of the residential 1-800 service. This was done on June 18, 1998. This was the last day both companies accepted new orders for the residential 1-800 service we market. Neither company will utilize a "sweepstakes promotion" in the future in conjunction with the order form process.

The third issue which has now been corrected and was actually started prior to my notification from you is that both companies are now registered with the Secretary of State to do business in Florida using the names, Georgia Public Communications, Inc. and Georgia Valu-Tel, Inc.

I sincerely apologize for my errors and hope that my request for a fine of \$5,000 is accepted.

Very truly yours,


Myron Newman, President
Valu-Tel, Inc.
Public Communications, Inc.