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DATE: September 21, 1998

TO: Blanca Bayo, Director, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Ray Kennedy, Division of Communications RK

RE: Docket No. 980961-TI; Refund Request

FFA Systems, Inc. d/b/a Free For All, submitted an application for certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications service on July 29, 1998. Prior to submission, FFA Systems, Inc. contacted staff to explore the necessity of obtaining Commission certification. Based on the uncertainty of the certification requirement and the desire by FFA Systems, Inc. to fully inform the Commission of its undertakings, FFA Systems, Inc. filed an application and tariff.

Upon review of FFA Systems', Inc. application, staff determined that the applicant did not require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for its operations as described in its proposed tariff. Section 364.02, Florida Statutes, provides that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is required when telecommunications services are provided for hire. FFA Systems, Inc is not providing telecommunications services for hire. Additionally, Rule 25-24.900(2), Florida Administrative Code, provides that prepaid calling services provided without compensation are exempt from Part XVI, Rules Governing Prepaid Calling Services.

Since the initial application by FFA Systems, Inc. was not needed to provide its stated service, staff believes FFA Systems, Inc. should receive a refund of its application fee, if requested.

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