

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FCC 98I-34
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	AUG 18 9 24 AM '98)	CIB Docket No. 98-44	
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JOSEPH FRANK PTAK)		81246
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Order to Show Cause Why a Cease and)		
Desist Order Should Not Be Issued)		

ORDER

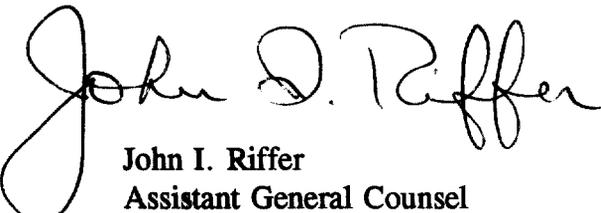
Adopted: August 13, 1998 ; Released: August 14, 1998

By the Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division:

1. This Order seeks comments from the Compliance and Information Bureau on a letter by Joe Ptak that was dated July 16, 1998 and sent to Chairman William E. Kennard.

2. On July 6, 1998, Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel released a Summary Decision, FCC 98D-2, in which he held that Joseph Frank Ptak is liable for a monetary forfeiture in the amount of \$11,000.00. Ptak's July 16 letter states it is being sent to formally notify the FCC of his intent to appeal any decision against him and to formally request that "the FCC reinstate a date for hearing to show cause why a case (sic) and desist order should not be issued to be held after alternative dispute resolution attempts are made." The July 16 letter does not show service on the Compliance and Information Bureau and it does not comply with the procedural requirements for a pleading to be filed in this proceeding. Nonetheless, it will serve the public interest and assist the Commission in its consideration of this matter to afford the Bureau an opportunity to respond to the contentions made in Ptak's July 16 letter. To that end, the July 16 letter will be made a part of the record of this proceeding by placing a copy in the Docket and a copy will be provided to the Compliance and Information Bureau.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under 47 C.F.R. § 0.251(c), that the Compliance and Information Bureau IS AFFORDED fifteen days following the release of this order for the filing of a response to the July 16, 1998 letter of Joe Ptak.



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