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Ms. Tameia I. Perdue, Esquire
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Dear Ms. Perdue:

I have received your letter dated October 15, 2009, requesting that my office conduct an official investigation and review of the content of the PIN communications released by the Public Service Commission in response to a public records request. In your letter, you allege potential violations of Chapter 350, Florida Statutes, along with standards of conduct contained in Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, as referenced in the oath of office found at Section 350.05, Florida Statutes.

As you note in your letter, it is the responsibility of the Office of Inspector General to conduct oversight activities within the Commission. These duties are specifically delineated at Section 20.055, Florida Statutes. However, the Office of Inspector General does not have authority or jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of the statutory provisions you cite. Rather, those chapters provide specific authority for complaints to be received and investigated by the Commission on Ethics (*see Sections 350.041(7), 350.042(7)(a), and 112.322, Florida Statutes*).

Based on this statutory direction, my Office will not initiate an investigation of these matters. If you require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Steven J. Stolting in black ink.
Steven J. Stolting
Inspector General

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