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## MEMORANDUM

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM:

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (BIEGALSKI)
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION (LAKE)
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (PELLEGRINI)

RE:

DOCKET NO. 971330-TC - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE NO. 4266 ISSUED TO D.W. KCRMAN FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES AND RULE 25-24.520, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

AGENDA:

12/16/97 REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:PSC/CMU/WP/971330TC.RCM

## CASE BACKGROUND

- D.W. Korman (Mr. Korman) obtained Florida Public Service Commission Pay Telephone certificate number 4266 on September 28, 1995.
- On June 3, 1997, the Division of Administration mailed a certified letter to the address listed in the Master Commission Directory informing Mr. Korman that he was delinquent on his regulatory assessment fees for the year 1996. The letter was returned by the United States Post Office stamped "unclaimed" (Attachment A, Page 4).
- December 3, 1997, staff attempted to contact the company to verify the company's mailing address. The telephone number for the company listed in the Master Commission Directory has been disconnected.
- As of December 3, 1997, the delinquent regulatory assessment fees for 1996, along with statutory penalties and interest charges, have not been submitted by Mr. Korman DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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ISSUE 2: Should the Commission impose a \$500 fine or cancel Mr. Korman's Pay Telephone Certificate No. 4266 for apparent violation of Rule 25-24.520, Florida Administrative Code, Reporting Requirements?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should impose a \$500 fine or cancel Mr. Korman's certificate if the fine and information required by Rule 25-24.520, Florida Administrative Code, are not received by the Commission within 5 business days after the conclusion of the 21 day protest period. The fine should be paid to the Florida Public Service Commission and forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the Commission's Order is not protested and the required information and fine are not received, certificate number 4266 should be canceled. (Biegalski)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Section 364.285, Florida Statutes, the Commission may impose a fine or cancel a certificate if a company refuses to comply with Commission rules. Rule 25-24.514, Florida Administrative Code, establishes the requirements for cancellation of a pay telephone company certificate. The rule provides for the Commission to cancel a certificate on its own motion for violation of Commission Rules and Orders.

Pursuant to Rule 25-24.520, Florida Administrative Code, each company is allowed 10 days after a change occurs to file updated information indicating any changes in the certificate holder's address (including street name and address, post office box, city), telephone number and any change in the name and address of the individual who is serving as primary liaison with the Commission. Mail sent to Mr. Korman was returned to our Division of Administration. It has been well over 10 days and staff has not been informed of the provider's correct mailing address, phone number, or liaison information, nor has it requested cancellation of its certificate in compliance with Rule 25-24.514, Florida Administrative Code.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission assess a \$500 fine for failure to comply with Commission rules or cancel Mr. Korman's certificate if the fine is not paid and the information received within the specified time.

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ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: If no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the Order will become final. Upon payment of the fines and fees, or cancellation of the certificate, this docket should be closed. (Pellegrini)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission adopts staff's recommendation in Issues 1 and 2, then Mr. Korman will have 21 days from the issuance date of the Order to file a timely protest to the Commission's Proposed Agency Action. If no protest is filed, the docket should be closed upon payment of the fines and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificate.

ATTACHMENT A DOCKET NO. 971330-TC DECEMBER 4, 1997

