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DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES WALTER D'HAESELEER DIRECTOR (850) 413-6600

Public Service Commission

May 21, 2001

Mr. Joseph J. DeLegge, City Manager City of Bartow PO Box 1069 Bartow, FL 33831-1069

Re: Docket No. 010678-TA

Dear Mr. DeLegge:

A docket has been opened by staff of the Florida Public Service Commission for nonpayment of the full amount due of the 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF), which was due January 30, 2001, plus statutory penalty and interest charges. Commission records show that the City of Bartow paid \$6.04 of the \$50.00 minimum on January 26, 2001.

It is staff's intention to file a recommendation imposing a \$500 fine for this rule violation, or cancellating your telecommunications certificate. The Commissioners will vote at an upcoming Agenda Conference whether or not to accept staff's recommendation. A Proposed Agency Action Order will then be issued within 20 days after the vote and your company will have 21 days to protest the Order. It should be noted that just paying the delinquent RAF amount will not prevent

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Sincerely,

Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant Bureau of Service Quality

Enclosure

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Division of Legal Services (K. Peña)

CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE

- <u>Voluntary Cancellation</u> In order to be granted a voluntary cancellation, the company must: 1) write a letter requesting cancellation of the certificate and explain why (such as no longer in the telecommunications business); 2) pay all past due charges in full; and 3) pay the 2001 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) or provide a date certain that it will be paid (such as 30 days from the date of the Commission Order cancelling the certificate).
- <u>Involuntary Cancellation</u> If the company does nothing to resolve this docket, the certificate will be cancelled on the Commission's own motion. All outstanding RAFs, including penalty and interest charges, will be turned over to the Comptroller's Office for collection.

TO KEEP THE CERTIFICATE ACTIVE

- Pay the past due RAF amount in full, including statutory penalty and interest charges, plus the fine imposed, after the Order is issued and the certificate will remain active. Just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled.
- Propose a settlement All settlements must include the following elements:
 - 1) Docket number;
 - 2) A check for the past due amount in full. It should be noted that just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled;
 - A statement that the company has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees and what those steps are;
 - 4) A waiver of objection to the administrative cancellation of the certificate in the event your offer is accepted and you fail to comply with the terms which you have offered; and
 - 5) Make a specific monetary settlement.

Any settlement offer or letter requesting cancellation should be addressed to Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. The proposed settlement amount should <u>not</u> be paid at this time, instead only the past due regulatory assessment fee, plus penalty and interest charges should be paid. The settlement amount, if approved by the Commission, must be paid within 10 business days after the Commission Order is issued.