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# Public Service Commission

May 29, 2001

Mr. Bryan Carroll The Firehouse Grill & Pub, Inc. 8814 N. 56th Street Temple Terrace, FL 33617-6204

#### Re: Docket No. 010453-TC

Dear Mr. Carroll:

I attempted to reach you by telephone, but was told you did not come in until evening. On May 21, the Commission received your letter, along with a copy of the 2000 RAF return you stated had originally been mailed on January 13, 2001. As explained in my April 17 letter, just paying the past due amount will not prevent the company's certificate from being cancelled. Therefore, attached is a list of options to resolve this docket.

Although you may have mailed \$50 originally on January 13, which would have been considered timely, we did not receive actual payment until May 21. This means that penalty (\$10) and interest (\$2) charges in the amount of \$12 is due.

As information, the regulatory assessment fee (RAF) is due each year by January 30 for the previous year, unless the 30th falls on a weekend, then the due date is the next working day. For example, the 1999 fee was due January 31, 2000 and the 2000 fee was due by January 30, 2001.

Please respond in writing by June 13, 2001, and let me know how you wish to proceed. In the meantime, if you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us, or at the address below.

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Sincerely,

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Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant Bureau of Service Quality

Enclosure

cc: Docket No. 010453-TC Division of Legal Services (Elliott)

## **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 payphone 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. In addition, Rule 25-24.511(5), F.A.C., states that "Only one certificate per applicant will be granted. A new certificate will not be granted to any applicant who has previously had a certificate involuntarily cancelled." This means that if the company chooses this option, it could not reapply for a new certificate at a later date.

## 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;
  - 3) 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, which should state: The company agrees to waive any objection to the administrative cancellation of its certificate should it fail to pay in accordance with its settlement offer. If, however, there is a factual dispute as to the manner or level of compliance with any provision in the settlement, Commission staff will bring the matter to the Commission for consideration; and
  - 5) Make a specific monetary settlement.

Any settlement offer 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.