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Sol Stamm

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ORIGINAL

Josie, please cut a manual check for this on the 10th. I want the check sent to our Tallahassee office via FedEx on the 10th so they have the check when the commission approves the settlement. Send the check to Bill Feaster.

Sol

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Kirk Gillen

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Staff has issued its recommendation for the Fibernet docket that was opened due to the non-payment of regulatory assessment fees. Staff is recommending that the Commission approve the proposed settlement.

This item will be heard at the June 12, 2001 Agenda Conference.

Attached below is a Word version of the staff recommendation and attached to Lisa memo is the original in Wordperfect format. Let me know if you have any questions.

Kirk



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Lisa M Reid

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

- X **02/21/01** - The Division of Administration mailed a delinquent notice.
- X **04/12/01** - Staff wrote the company and advised a docket had been established and to contact the Commission if it was interested in resolving this docket.
- X **04/16/01** - Mr. Sol Stamm, Controller, called staff and advised that the company would propose a settlement. On the same date, staff wrote the company and outlined its options.
- X **04/23/01** - The Commission received the company=s payment for the outstanding amount, including statutory penalty and interest charges. The company reported revenues in the amount of \$40,635,859 for the period ended December 31, 2000. In addition, the Commission received the company=s proposed settlement.
- X **05/04/01** - The Commission received the company=s amended proposed settlement.

The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.285, and 364.337, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

**DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

**ISSUE 1:** Should the Commission accept the settlement offer proposed by FPL FiberNet, LLC to resolve the apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. The Commission should accept the company=s settlement proposal. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, Certificate No. 7246 should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, which implements Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, requires the payment of regulatory assessment fees by January 30 of the subsequent year for telecommunications companies, and provides for penalties and interest as outlined in Section 350.113, Florida Statutes, for any delinquent amounts.

After this docket was opened, but prior to staff filing a recommendation, the Commission received the company=s payment for the outstanding regulatory assessment fee, including statutory penalty and interest charges, and a letter from the company which offered to pay a \$500 contribution and proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis. The company subsequently modified its settlement proposal to include a waiver of objection to the administrative cancellation of the company=s certificate in the event the settlement proposal is accepted and the company ultimately fails to comply with the terms of its offer. The recommended settlement amount is consistent with amounts the Commission has accepted for recent, similar violations.

Accordingly, staff believes the terms of the settlement agreement as summarized in this recommendation should be accepted. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, Certificate No.

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7246 should be canceled administratively.

**ISSUE 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, if the Commission approves staff=s recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$500 contribution or cancellation of the certificate. (Elliott)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** If the Commission approves staff=s recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$500 contribution or cancellation of the certificate.