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TO AVOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES, THE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE 01/30/2001

Pay Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return

STATUS:

- Actual Return
- Estimated Return
- Amended Return

PERIOD COVERED:
07/18/2000 TO 12/31/2000

Florida Public Service Commission

(See Filing Instructions on Back of Form)

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BTI
4300 Six Forks Road, Suite 500
Raleigh, NC 27609-5734

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Initials of Preparer MC

Please Complete Below If Official Mailing Address Has Changed

BTI Telecommunications 4300 Six Forks Rd. Raleigh, NC 27609-5734
(Name of Company) (Address) (City/State) (Zip)

LINE NO.	ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION	AMOUNT
1.	Gross Operating Revenue (Florida)	\$ 1,890.20
2.	Gross Intrastate Revenue	1,717.30
3.	LESS: Amounts Paid to Other Telecommunications Companies* (see "2. Fees" on back)	(0.00)
4.	TOTAL REVENUES for Regulatory Assessment Fee Calculation (Line 2 less Line 3)	\$ 1,717.30
5.	Regulatory Assessment Fee Due — (Multiply Line 4 by 0.0015)	2.58
6.	Penalty for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)	
7.	Interest for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)	
8.	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ 50.00

AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 364.336 FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MINIMUM ANNUAL FEE IS \$50

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES REPORTED

9. Number of pay telephones in operation at close of period covered by this Return 26

These amounts must be intrastate only and must be verifiable.

I, the undersigned owner/officer of the above-named company, have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct statement. I am aware that pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

VP-Finance 7/25/01
(Signature of Company Official) (Title) (Date)

David Yokley
(Preparer of Form - Please Print Name)

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July 26, 2001

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MAIL ROOM

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms. Blanca Bayó
Director of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 010656-TC
Pay Telephone Regulatory Assessment

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Please review the enclosed response regarding the Florida Pay Telephone Certificate No. 7504 cancellation for Business Telecom, Inc. (BTI). The Interexchange and Alternative Local Exchange Company Revenues were filed in January 2001. The amounts previously paid from that filing did include our payphone revenues. We were unaware that the payphones were to be submitted separately since it was the first year.

Procedures have been implemented to prevent future late payments. The tax department is now aware of our responsibility to pay the regulatory assessment for the payphone revenues and the due date. It has been added to the work list. A process has been established internally to differentiate the payphone revenues that caused our response to be delayed. I have enclosed a copy of the letter sent to Ms. Jackie Knight on June 19, 2001 to serve as documentation that BTI was working toward a solution toward the problem.

Please consider a waiver of the statutory penalty, interest charges, and any fines due to the fact that the payphone revenues were actually reported timely. It is our intention to comply and send assessment fees when they are due in the future. I have enclosed a check for \$50.00. This is the amount owed based on our revenues. BTI is requesting that payment of this fee re-instate our Pay Telephone Certificate No. 7504.

If you have any questions contact me at (919) 863-7349.

Sincerely,

BUSINESS TELECOM, INC.

Stephanie R. Raiford
Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



June 19, 2001

Ms. Jackie Knight
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: BTI Telecommunications Service
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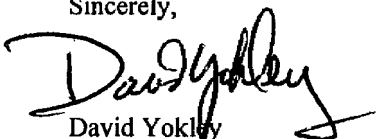
Dear Ms. Knight:

This is in response to our telephone conversation and your request to submit a letter explaining BTI's Pay Telephone Service return for the period 7/18/2000 to 12/31/2000. As we discussed, we were unaware of our responsibility to file this specific payphone report. However, all of BTI's revenues in Florida were timely reported on the Interexchange and Alternative Local Exchange Company Returns that were filed in January 2001. These amounts included the revenues from our payphone operations. The assessments based on these returns have also been paid.

In an attempt to provide you an accurate break down in Florida payphone revenues, I have spoken with several people in our billing system department. They have told me that at this time our system provides accurate information for intra and interstate revenues by location, but, unfortunately, it cannot effectively differentiate payphone revenue from other telephone revenues. Since we have a responsibility to report specific payphone revenues, we will continue to work to find a way to access these records for future reportings.

I hope that this letter serves as sufficient explanation to help clear our account with the Public Service Commission. If you have any questions, please call me at 919-863-7139.

Sincerely,


David Yokley
Tax Accountant