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Hublic Service Commission

July 30, 2001

Mr. Robert Shields Radio Communications Corporation 381 North York Road, Suite 25 Elmhurst, IL 60126-2364

Dear Mr. Shields:

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Enclosure

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On May 14, 2001, I wrote Radio Communications Corporation and explained that Docket No. 010603-TC had been established for nonpayment of the 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) for its pay telephone certificate.

On May 17, you called and stated the forms for your pay telephone and interexchange certificates had been mailed to the Commission on March 9, but that payment for the RAFs was not sent. The Commission has now received payment (postmarked May 18). Unfortunately, as my May 14 letter explained, just paying the past due amount would not prevent the certificate from being cancelled.

The enclosed sheet lists two options for cancelling the certificate and two for keeping the certificate active. Please review the options and let me know how you wish to proceed by August 17, 2001. If you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, and by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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OPTIONS

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 should include the following elements:
 - 1) Docket number;

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- 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. There is normally a \$500 fine for this rule violation. However, the Commission has accepted amounts less than the fine amount in other similar cases.

Any settlement offer/correspondence should be addressed to Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services, 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.