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Public Service Commission

August 23, 2001

Mr. Eugene Bond
Alpha Tel-Com, Inc.
2751 Highland Avenue
Grants Pass, OR 97526-8423

RE: Docket No. 010696-TC

Dear Mr. Bond:

On May 7, 2001, this docket was established for nonpayment of the full amount of the 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF). I wrote the company on May 21st and explained that this docket had been established and included a sheet providing the company with its options on how to resolve this docket. The options sheet explained that just paying the past due amount would not prevent the company's certificate from being cancelled.

On May 29th, you called and asked questions concerning name changes. In addition, I asked about this docket and you indicated that it would be resolved. On June 4th, the Commission received the company's payment in full. However, we did not receive a settlement proposal (to keep the certificate active) or a request for cancellation of the certificate.

Enclosed is the sheet explaining the company's options for resolving this docket. Therefore, unless the company responds within 15 days from the date of this letter, I will have no choice but to go forward with a recommendation to fine Alpha Tel-Com, Inc. \$500 for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code.

If you wish to discuss this or have any questions, please let me know. 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula J. Isler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a distinct "J" and "I".

Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant
Bureau of Service Quality

cc: Docket No. 010696-TC
Division of Legal Services (K. Peña)

OPTIONS

CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE

- **Voluntary Cancellation** - 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).
- **Involuntary Cancellation** - 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;
 - 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 **not** 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.