## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Amendment of Rule 25-4.0161, ) DOCKET NO. 900644-TP F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees for Telephone Companies.

ORDER NO. 23868 ISSUED: 12-12-90

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULE AMENDMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commission, pursuant to section 120.54, Florida Statutes, has adopted the amendments to Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., relating to Regulatory Assessment Fees for Telephone Companies, without change.

The rule amendment was filed with the Secretary of State on December 6, 1990 and will be effective on January 1, 1991. A copy of the relevant portions of the certification filed with the Secretary of State is attached to this Notice.

This docket is closed upon issuance of this notice.

By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 12th day of DECEMBER , 1990.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director

Division of Records & Reporting

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#### CERTIFICATION OF

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

#### FILED WITH THE

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I do hereby certify:

- (1) The time limitations prescribed by paragraph 120.54(11)(a), F.S., have been complied with; and
- /X/ (2) There is no administrative determination under section 120.54(4), F.S., pending on any rule covered by this certification; and
- /X/ (3) All rules covered by this certification are filed within the prescribed time limitations of paragraph 120.54(11)(b), F.S. They are filed not less than 28 days after the notice required by subsection 120.54(1), F.S., and;
- // (a) And are filed not more than 90 days after the notice; or
- // (b) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice not including days an administrative determination was pending; or
- /X / (c) Are filed within 21 days after the adjournment of the final public hearing on the rule; or
- (d) Are filed within 21 days after the date of receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing; or
- // (e) Are filed within 21 days after the date the transcript was received by this agency.

Attached are the original and two copies of each rule covered by this certification. The rules are hereby adopted by the undersigned agency by and upon their filing with the Department of State.

Specific Rulemaking Rule No. Authority 25-4.0161 350.127(2) Law Being Implemented, . Interpreted or Made Specific

350.113, 364.336, 364.337(4)

Under the provision of paragraph 120.54(12)(a), F.S., the rules take effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State or a later date as set out below:

Effective: January 1, 1991

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#### CERTIFICATION OF

## INCORPORATION BY RULE

## I do hereby certify:

- (1) That paragraph (2) incorporates Form PSC/CMU 25 (Rev. 01/91), Form PSC/CMU 26 (Rev. 01/91), Form PSC/CMU 34 (Rev. 01/91, Form PSC/CMU 153 (Rev. 01/91), into Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., by reference.
- (2) That the above forms consist of information for filing regulatory assessment fee returns for the telecommunications companies.

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25-4.0161 Regulatory Assessment Fees; <u>Telecommunications</u>
<del>Telephone</del> Companies.

- (1) As applicable and as provided in s. 350.113, F.S. s. 364.336, F.S., and s. 364.337(4), F.S. (1985), each company shall remit a fee based upon its gross operating revenue as provided below. This fee shall be referred to as a regulatory assessment fee, and each company shall pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .15 one eighth of one percent of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. For the purpose of determining this fee, each interexchange telecommunications company and each pay telephone company shall deduct from gross operating revenues amounts paid for use of the local network to a telecommunications company providing local service. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee of \$50 \$25 shall be imposed.
- regulatory assessment fees and the applicable regulatory assessment fee return form are due each January 30 for the preceding period or any part of the period from July 1 until December 31, and on July 30 for the preceding period or any part of the period from January 1 until June 30. Commission Form PSC/CMU 25(/), entitled "Communication Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," applicable to local exchange telecommunications companies; Form PSC/CMU 26(/), entitled "Pay Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return;"

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Form PSC/CMU 34(\_/\_), entitled "Shared Tenant Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return;" and Form PSC/CMU 153(\_/\_), entitled "Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return," are incorporated into this rule by reference and may be obtained from the Commission's Division of Administration. Each company shall have up to and including the due date in which to submit the applicable form and:

- (a) Remit the total amount of its fee, or
- (b) Remit an amount which the company estimates is its full fee, or
- (c) Seek and receive from the Commission a 30-day extension of its due date.
- (3) Where the company remits less than its full fee pursuant to subsection (2)(b) of this rule, the remainder of the full fee shall be due on or before the 30th day from the due date and shall, where the amount remitted was less than 90 percent % of the total regulatory assessment fee, include interest as provided by subsection (5)(b) of this rule.
- (4) Where a company receives a 30-day extension of its due date pursuant to subsection (2)(c) of this rule, then the company shall remit a charge in addition to the regulatory assessment fees, as set out in s. 350.113(5), F.S. (1985).
- (5) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the company pursuant to the provisions of s. 350.113, F.S., (1985) and this rule, begins with the first day after any date

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established as the due date either by operation of this rule or by an extension pursuant to this rule.

- (a) A penalty, as set out in s. 350.113, F.S., (1985) shall 2apply to any such delinquent amounts.
- (b) Interest at the rate of 12 percent % per annum shall apply to any such delinquent amounts.

This rule becomes effective January 1, 1991.

Specific Authority: 350.127(2), F.S.

Law Implemented: 350.113, 364.336, 364.337(4), F.S.

History: New 5/18/83, formerly 25-4.161, Amended 10/16/86,\_\_\_\_.

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STATUS:

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Estimated Return

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Communication Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return
Florida Public Service Commission

(Instructions For Filing On Back of Form)

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## FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Communication Company)

- I. WHO MUST FILE: Each regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission for any part of the six-month period preceding either of the due dates as reflected under Paragraph II.
- II. WHEN TO FILE: To avoid payment of penalties and interest, a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-25 / Rev. 1/91) must be filed:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

When July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, remittance may be made on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

- III. FEES: Each Commission-regulated utility shall pay the percentage referenced in the parenthesis on Line 52 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. (Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses.)
  The presently established percentage appears on Line 52 of the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-25 / Rev. 1/91).
- IV. FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE: Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 56). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line 57). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be filed regardless of whether there are no revenues to report or if the minimum is due.
- V. EXTENSION: A utility, for good cause shown in a written request, may be granted an extension for a period not to exceed thirty days. Such request should be made by filing the enclosed Form PSC/ADM-124 (Rev. 6/88) (Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return) in sufficient time to allow Commission action prior to the normal due date. If an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or

1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16th 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a utility may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the utility will be granted a 30-day extension period in which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space on the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-25 / Rev. 1/91).

- VI. AUTHORITY: The authority to collect regulatory assessment fees is granted to the Commission by Sections 350.113 and 364.336, Florida Statutes.
- VII. REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE DUE: Amounts are due and payable to the Florida Public Service Commission within 30 days of the end of the periods. If there are no revenues, OR if revenues are insufficient to generate a minimum annual fee on June 30, please reflect a "0" on Line 52 of your return, (return must be malled back regardless of whether there are no revenues to report) and wait until December 31 to remit the minimum fee.
- VIII. FEE ADJUSTMENTS: Computation errors and/or differences in gross operating revenues reported for regulatory assessment fee purposes and those reported in the annual report may cause adjustments to amounts paid the Commission. You will be notified via Form PSC/ADM-125 (Rev. 8/89) as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment.
- IX. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the form, retain the last copy for your records, and return the original and the remaining copy. To assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment, it is important that you use the enclosed preaddressed envelope in remitting your fees. If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 101 EAST GAINES STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0876. Please type "ATTENTION: FISCAL SERVICES" on the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope for easy identification.

Please Remember: Envelopes containing fee payments must be postmarked on or before the due date in order to avoid possible penalty and interest charges. However, when July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, the envelopes may be postmarked on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

TO A VOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES, THE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE

Pay Telephone	Service	Provider	Regulatory	Assessment	Fee Return
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# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return
(Pay Telephone Service Provider)

- WHO MUST FILE: Each regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission for any part of the six-month period preceding either of the due dates as reflected under Paragraph II.
- II. WHEN TO FILE: To avoid payment of penalties and interest, a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-26 / Rev. 10/90) must be filed:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND

On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

When July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, remittance may be made on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

- III. FEES: Each Commission-regulated utility shall pay the percentage referenced in the parenthesis on Line 5 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. Each Pay Telephone Service Provider may deduct the amounts paid for services to other Telephone Companies from 10-1-90 thru 12-31-90 for the period ending December 31, 1990. Beginning January 1, 1991. Each Pay Telephone provider may deduct the amounts paid for services to other Telephone Companies for each reporting period as referenced above. Each Pay Telephone Service provider is to include a listing of all amounts paid for services to other Telephone Companies where a deduction is taken. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross operating Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Floida. Do not consider any expenses, taxes, or uncollectibles, etc., in these amounts. The presently established percentage appears on Line 5 of the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-26 / Rev. 10/90).
- IV. FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE: Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 8). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line 9). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be filed regardless of whether there are no revenues to report or if the minimum is due.
- V. EXTENSION: A utility, for good cause shown in a written request, may be granted an extension for a period not to exceed thirty days. Such request should be made by filing the enclosed Form PSC/ADM-124 (Rev. 6/88) (Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return) in sufficient time to allow Commission action prior to the normal due date. If an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or

1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16 to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a utility may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the utility will be granted a 30-day extension period in which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space on the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-26 / Rev. 10/90).

- VI. AUTHORITY: The authority to collect regulatory assessment fees is granted to the Commission by Sections 350.113, 364.336 and 364.337, Florida Statutes.
- VII. REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE DUE: Amounts are due and payable to the Florida Public Service Commission within 30 days of the end of the periods. If there are no revenues, OR if revenues are insufficient to generate a minimum annual fee on June 30, please reflect a "0" on Line 5 of your return, (return must be malled back regardless of whether there are no revenues to report) and wait until December 31 to remit the minimum fee.
- VIII. FEE ADJUSTMENTS: Computation errors and/or differences in gross operating revenues reported for regulatory assessment fee purposes and those reported in the annual report may cause adjustments to amounts paid the Commission. You will be notified via Form PSC/ADM-125 (Rev. 8/89) as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment.
- IX. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the form, retain the last copy for your records, and return the original and the remaining copy. To assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment, it is important that you use the enclosed preaddressed envelope in remitting your fees. If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 101 EAST GAINES STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0826. Please type "ATTENTION: FISCAL SERVICES" on the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope for easy identification.

Please Remember: Envelopes containing fee payments must be postmarked on or before the due date in order to avoid possible penalty and interest charges. However, when July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, the envelopes may be postmarked on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

TO A VOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES, THE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE

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I, the undersigned owner I officer of the above-named utility, have read the foregoing. Under penaltics of perjury, I declare that, to the best of my bnowledge and belief, the above is a true and correct statement of gross revenues derived from intrastate business for the period indicated.

Utility Official:

(Signature)

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(Title)

Telephone Number ( )

(Name - Please Print)

# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Shared Tenant Service Provider)

I. WHO MUST FILE: Each regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission for any part of the six-month period preceding either of the due dates as reflected under Paragraph II.

II. WHEN TO FILE: To avoid payment of penalties and interest, a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-34 / Rev. 1/91) must be filed:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND

On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

When July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, remittance may be made on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

- III. FEES: Each Commission-regulated utility shall pay the percentage referenced in the parenthesis on Line 2 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. (Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross Intrastate Operating Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Florida. Do not consider any expenses, taxes, or uncollectibles, etc., in these amounts.) The presently established percentage appears on Line 2 of the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-34 / Rev. 1/91)
- IV. FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE: Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 5). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be filed regardless of whether there are no revenues to report or if the minimum is due.
- V. EXTENSION: A utility, for good cause shown in a written request, may be granted an extension for a period not to exceed thirty days. Such request should be made by filing the enclosed Form PSC/ADM-124 (Rev. 6/88) (Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return) in sufficient time to allow Commission action prior to the normal due date. If an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or

1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16,to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a utility may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the utility will be granted a 30-day extension period in which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space on the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-34 / Rev. 1/91).

- VI. AUTHORITY: The authority to collect regulatory assessment fees is granted to the Commission by Sections 350.113, and 364.336, Florida Statutes.
- VII. REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE DUE: Amounts are due and payable to the Florida Public Service Commission within 30 days of the end of the periods. If there are no revenues, OR if revenues are insufficient to generate a minimum annual fee on June 30, please reflect a "0" on Line 2 of your return, (return must be mailed back regardless of whether there are no revenues to report) and wait until December 31 to remit the minimum fee.
- VIII. FEE ADJUSTMENTS: Computation errors and/or differences in gross operating revenues reported for regulatory assessment fee purposes and those reported in the annual report may cause adjustments to amounts paid the Commission. You will be notified via Form PSC/ADM-125 (Rev. 8/89) as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment.
- IX. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the form, retain the last copy for your records, and return the original and the remaining copy. To assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment, it is important that you use the enclosed preaddressed envelope in remitting your fees. If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 101 EAST GAINES STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0876. Please type "ATTENTION: FISCAL SERVICES" on the bottom left- hand corner of the envelope for easy identification.

Please Remember: Envelopes containing fee payments must be postmarked on or before the due date in order to avoid possible penalty and interest charges. However, when July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, the envelopes may be postmarked on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

SC/CMU-153 (Rev. 1/91)

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

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# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return
(Interexchange Company)

- I. WHO MUST FILE: Each regulated utility under the jurisdiction of the Commission for any part of the six-month period preceding either of the due dates as reflected under Paragraph II.
- II. WHEN TO FILE: To avoid payment of penalties and interest, a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-153 / Rev. 1/91) must be filed:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

When July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, remittance may be made on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

- III. FEES: Each Commission-regulated utility shall pay the percentage referenced in the parenthesis on Line 10 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. Each Interexchange Company may deduct the amounts paid for services to other Telephone Companies for each reporting period as referenced above, indicated on line 8. Each Interexchange Company is to include a listing of all amounts paid for services to other Telephone Companies where a deduction is taken. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross operating Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Florida. Do not consider any expenses, taxes, or uncollectibles, etc., in these amounts. The presently established percentage appears on Line 10 of the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-153 / Rev. 1/91).
- IV. FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE: Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 13). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line 14). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be filed regardless of whether there are no revenues to report or if the minimum is due.
- V. EXTENSION: A utility for good cause shown in a written request, may be granted an extension for a period not to exceed thirty days. Such request should be made by filing the enclosed Form PSC/ADM-124 (Rev. 6/88) (Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return) in sufficient time to allow Commission action prior to the normal due date. If an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or .

1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16 to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a utility may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the utility will be granted a 30-day extension period in which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space on the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Form PSC/CMU-153 / Rev. 1/91).

- VI. AUTHORITY: The authority to collect regulatory assessment fees is granted to the Commission by Sections 350.113. 364.336 and 364.337, Florida Statutes.
- VII. REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE DUE: Amounts are due and payable to the Florida Public Service Commission within 30 days of the end of the periods. If there are no revenues, OR if revenues are insufficient to generate a minimum annual fee on June 30, please reflect a "0" on Line 10 of your return, (return must be malled back regardless of whether there are no revenues to report) and wait until December 31 to remit the minimum fee.
- VIII. FEE ADJUSTMENTS: Computation errors and/or differences in gross operating revenues reported for regulatory assessment fee purposes and those reported in the annual report may cause adjustments to amounts paid the Commission. You will be notified via Form PSC/ADM-125 (Rev. 8/89) as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment.
- IX. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete the form, retain the last copy for your records, and return the original and the remaining copy. To assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment, it is important that you use the enclosed preaddressed envelope in remitting your fees. If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance to the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 101 EAST GAINES STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0876. Please type "ATTENTION: FISCAL SERVICES" on the bottom left-hand corner of the envelope for easy identification.

Please Remember: Envelopes containing fee payments must be postmarked on or before the due date in order to avoid possible penalty and interest charges. However, when July 30 or January 30 falls on a Sunday, the envelopes may be postmarked on July 31 or January 31, respectively, without penalty.

Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C. Docket No. 900644-TP

## SUMMARY OF RULE

The Commission adopted an amendment to Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., to increase the regulatory assessment fee rate that is paid by interexchange telecommunications companies, local exchange companies, pay telephone companies, and shared tenant service providers from .125 to .15 percent of their gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. Interexchange companies and pay telephone companies will be allowed to deduct the amount they pay for use of the local network from their gross operating revenues before computing the regulatory assessment fee pursuant to s. 364.337(4), F.S., as amended by s. 34, Chapter 90-244, Laws of Florida.

The rule amendment increases the minimum annual regulatory assessment fee to \$50 beginning in 1991, as required by section 364.336, Florida Statutes. The Commission also adopted a new regulatory assessment fee return form for each of the four types of telecommunications companies required to pay a regulatory assessment fee.

#### SUMMARY OF HEARINGS ON THE RULE

No hearing was requested.

## FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING THE RULE

Section 350.113, Florida Statutes, requires companies that are under the jurisdiction of the Commission to pay fees based on their gross operating revenues. These regulatory assessment fees are required, to the extent practicable, to be related to the cost of

regulating the type of company. During the 1990 session, the legislature created section 364.336, Florida Statutes, effective October 1, 1990, and increased the maximum regulatory assessment fee rate for telecommunications companies to .25 (1/4) percent of each company's gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business.

To generate revenue sufficient to pay the its cost of regulating telecommunications companies, the Commission increased the rate charged from .125 (1/8) percent to .15 percent effective January 1, 1991. This rate was derived from the projected Commission cost to regulate telecommunications companies and the projected gross operating revenues of the communications industry.

The Commission also amended Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., to increase the minimum annual regulatory assessment fee from \$25 to \$50 because a new statutory minimum was enacted by the legislature during the 1990 session. Section 364.337(4), Florida Statutes, was also amended to allow pay telephone companies to deduct the amount they pay for use of the local network from their gross operating revenues before computing the regulatory assessment fee and the proposed rule amendment is necessary to reflect this change in statutes.

Because of the statutory changes in the minimum fee and the allowable deductions, and because of the proposed change in the rate, new regulatory assessment fee return forms have been adopted for each of the four types of telecommunications companies required to pay a regulatory assessment fee. This information was filed with the JAPC filing.

## MEMORANDUM

**DECEMBER 10, 1990** 

TO : STEVE TRIBBLE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS & REPORTING CHRISTIANA T. MOORE, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL FROM: RE : DOCKET NO. 900644-TP, RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C. Attached please find a Notice of Adoption for distribution by your office. Industry distribution is: Electric (IOU) Electric (Muni & Coop) Electric (Safety) Gas (IOU) Gas (Safety) Telephone (LEC) X X Telephone (IXC) Telephone (PATS) X Telephone (STS) X Water and Sewer Docket only This document has the following priority: Must be issued today. Must be issued within 48 hours. Must be issued within 5 working days. This docket will be closed upon issuance of the Notice. CTM/cp adp40161.cp Attachment cc: File Sandy Simmons (w/o attach.)

W. Terrell (w/o attach.)