



# Public Service Commission

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**DATE:** September 18, 1996  
**TO:** Evelyn Sewell, Division of Administration  
**FROM:** Thomas E. Williams, III, Division of Communications  
**RE:** Docket No. 960821-TI; Request for approval for merger of Affinity Fund, Inc. into Affinity Corporation and to change the name of Affinity Fund, Inc.'s Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 2653 to Affinity Corporation.

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After reviewing the original application and the follow up letter from Clayton D. Morgan, Attorney for Affinity Corporation, dated July 17, 1996 (attached) the company was not applying for an original certificate but was applying to have approval of a merger and name change.

Since Affinity Fund, Inc. was already certificated the \$250.00 application fee that was submitted with this certification application should be refunded.

cc: Lugo, Legal

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Re: Affinity Fund, Inc. (A Florida Corporation) Merged  
into Affinity Corporation (A Wisconsin Corporation)  
Docket No. 960821-TI

Dear Mr. Williams:

On or about July 10, 1996, this law firm submitted the "Application Form For Authority To Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Within The State Of Florida" (the "Application"), for the purpose of securing authority for Affinity Corporation to operate in the state of Florida as a switchless reseller. As explained in the July 10, 1996 correspondence, a corporation called Affinity Fund, Inc. (who had authority to operate in the state of Florida as a switchless reseller of telecommunications services) was merged into Affinity Corporation effective October 1, 1994.

The Florida Public Service Commission has been informed that the particulars of the merger are as follows:

- a. The primary purpose of the merger was to create a new name by dropping the word "Fund" from the original name; and
- b. The successor corporation has identical shareholders, officers, and directors, and it is engaged in the same business that Affinity Fund, Inc. engaged in prior to the merger.

In inquiring as to what requirements were necessary in connection with this transaction, we were under the impression that the Application needed to be submitted. Per our recent conversation, we understand that perhaps Affinity Corporation can have the merger and name change approved without the necessity of the rigors of the Application's process.

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Please accept this correspondence as evidence in the above-referenced docket that we are not now applying for a new certificate. Rather, we would ask that the commission simply approve the name change and merger, accept the new Affinity Corporation tariff previously submitted with the Application in the July 10, 1996 correspondence, and formally order Affinity Corporation's authority to operate as a switchless reseller in the state of Florida.

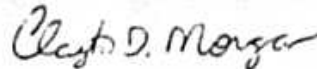
Please note that in addition to minor textual changes, the new Affinity Corporation tariff previously submitted with the Application contains the following key revisions:

- Introduction of Residential and Business Guaranteed Savings Plan;
- Introduction of Double Your Money Back Guarantee for new accounts; and
- Updated rates for both Directory Assistance, Residential, Business, Travel Service and Inbound 800/888 services.

This office will await confirmation from you as to your receipt of this information and as to the course of action the commission desires to take. If there are any further requirements or if you need additional information, please advise. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

SMITH DEBNAM HIBBERT & PAHL



Clayton D. Morgan