

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET
(PLEASE TYPE)

Date September 4, 1998

Docket No. 981105-TC

1. Division Name/Staff Name Communications/Isler
2. OPR Communications/Isler
3. OCR Legal Services

4. Suggested Docket Title Request for Cancellation of Pay Telephone Certificate Number 1255 by National Merchandise Co., Inc., Effective January 31, 1997

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)

- A. Provide NAMES ONLY for regulated companies or ACRONYMS ONLY regulated industries, as shown in Rule 25-22.104, F.A.C.
- B. Provide COMPLETE name and address for all others. (Match representatives to clients.)

1. Parties and their representatives (if any)

<u>National Merchandise Co., Inc.</u>	_____
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2. Interested Persons and their representatives (if any)

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6. Check one:

- Documentation is attached.
 Documentation will be provided with recommendation.

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PSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

National Merchandise Co., Inc. (TD156)
Certificate No. 1255, Effective 10/04/86

- 12/11/97 RAFs notice mailed (certified) to National.
- 12/15/97 USPS returned the green card showing the RAFs notice was delivered and signed for by Von Jenkins.
- 04/21/98 Memo from Division of Administration received advising that National has not paid its RAFs. The company owes the following:
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| \$ 2.50 | - 1992 Penalty (Payment postmarked 02/08/93) |
| .50 | - 1992 Interest |
| 2.50 | - 1996 Penalty (Payment postmarked 01/31/97) |
| .50 | - 1996 Interest |
| 50.00 | - 1997 RAF (Minimum due) |
| 12.50 | - 1997 Penalty (If paid in August 1998) |
| 4.00 | - 1997 Interest |
| <u>50.00</u> | - 1998 RAF |
| \$122.50 | - Total Due |
- 04/24/98 Called National and spoke with Maryann Best. Ms. Best advised she is the bookkeeper and Ms. Kemper is only there a couple of times a month. Ms. Best advised me that National no longer owns any payphones and has not since 1996. She stated that she requested that their certificate be cancelled by letter when the 1996 RAFs were paid. Staff has no record of receiving the letter.
- 08/06/98 Wrote company and asked for a response by August 24.
- 08/10/98 Ms. Best called at 12:50 p.m. and said she had received my letter. She stated that it is odd that the Commission did not receive the letter requesting cancellation since the letter and the RAF form were put in the same envelope, which she was advised to do by Mike Lake. I asked if she could send me a copy of the letter and she said yes. See attached.
- 08/20/98 I discussed this with Rick and was told that we can cancel this company's certificate with an effective date of January 31, 1997, the date the RAF payment was postmarked.

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08/20/98 I called Ms. Best at 3:20 p.m. and advised her that I could open the docket and cancel with an effective date of 1997. However, we must receive payment of the \$72.50 (everything except the 1998 RAF) first. I told her the 1998 RAF will not have to be paid since we are making the effective date of the cancellation January 31, 1997.

I then called Kim Peña and asked about this. She advised me that this will not be a consent item, but a regular item since we are making the effective date retro to the date of receipt of the 1996 RAF payment.

08/25/98 Company paid in full RAFs plus statutory penalties and interest (Deposit No. EC000).

PNS Management Corporation

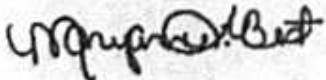
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FAX COVER**DATE:** 8-10-98**TO:** Paula Isler, Research Assistant
Public Service Commission**FROM:** Maryanne L. Best
PNS Management Corp.**FAX:** (850) 413-6503**TOTAL PAGES INCLUDING COVER:** 2**COMMENTS:** Please notify sender if all copies are not received!**Ms. Isler,**

As per our conversation earlier today, following is a copy of the letter sent in the same envelope to the Public Service Commission along with the 1996 payment. I had spoken to Michael Lake on that day, January 29, 1997 regarding what I needed to file and where to send it. He advised me at that time to send in the minimum amount due (\$30.00) and a letter of cancellation which I promptly prepared and mailed the same day.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact my office at the telephone number or address listed above.

Sincerely,



Maryanne L. Best

PIC N' SAVE, INC.

763 University Blvd. North

Jacksonville, Florida 32211

P hone: 904-745-3814

January 29, 1997

Florida Public Service Commission
1540 Hazard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Certificate No. TD156
FBI: 59-0917868 National Merchandise Co.

Please cancel Public Telephone certificate number TD156 for National Merchandise Company. As of February 28, National Merchandise Co. changed its name to Pic N' Save, Incorporated. Furthermore, Pic N' Save Incorporated has since ceased all retail operations. If you have any further questions, please call our offices at (904) 745-3814.

Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Francine Trager Kempner
Executive Vice President