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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 4, 1999

**TO:** DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYÓ)

**FROM:** DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS (ISLER) *Pij*  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (COX) *WRC MCB*

**RE:** CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

DOCKET NO. 981739-TI - NETWORK SERVICE CENTER, INC.  
DOCKET NO. 981740-TI - HOSPITALITY SOLUTIONS, INC.  
DOCKET NO. 981760-TI - GEORGIA PUBLIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.  
DOCKET NO. 981761-TI - VISION TELECOMMUNICATION, INC.  
DOCKET NO. 981762-TI - ACTIVETEL L.D., INC.  
DOCKET NO. ████████-TI - AMERICA'S TELE-NETWORK CORP.

**AGENDA:** 02/16/99 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

**CRITICAL DATES:** NONE

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** NONE

**FILE NAME AND LOCATION:** S:\PSC\CMU\WP\981739.RCM

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### CASE BACKGROUND

1.) Docket #981739-TI - Network Service Center, Inc. - This company obtained Certificate No. 3966 on 01/11/95. The Division of Administration sent the 1997 regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice by certified mail. The United States Postal Service (USPS) returned the receipt which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 15, 1997. The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company did not pay its 1997

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RAFs, plus statutory penalties and interest for the year 1997. As of January 27, 1999, the company has not paid the past due amount.

2.) Docket #981740-TI - Hospitality Solutions, Inc. - This company obtained Certificate No. 3970 on 01/26/95. The Division of Administration sent the 1997 RAF notice by certified mail. The USPS returned the receipt which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 16, 1997. The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company did not pay its 1996 and 1997 RAFs, plus statutory penalties and interest for the years 1995, 1996, and 1997. As of January 27, 1999, the company has not paid the past due amount.

3.) Docket #981760-TI - Georgia Public Telephone Company, Inc. - This company obtained Certificate No. 4400 on 03/22/96. The Division of Administration sent the 1997 RAF notice by certified mail. The USPS returned the receipt which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 16, 1997. The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company did not pay its 1997 RAFs, plus statutory penalties and interest for the years 1996 and 1997. As of January 27, 1999, the company has not paid the past due amount.

4.) Docket #981761-TI - Vision Telecommunication, Inc. - This company obtained Certificate No. 4423 on 05/07/96. The Division of Administration sent the 1997 RAF notice by certified mail. The USPS returned the receipt which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 15, 1997. The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company did not pay its 1997 RAFs, plus statutory penalties and interest for the years 1996 and 1997. As of January 27, 1999, the company has not paid the past due amount.

5.) Docket #981762-TI - ActiveTel L.D., Inc. - This company obtained Certificate No. 4444 on 02/18/97. The Division of Administration sent the 1997 RAF notice by certified mail. The USPS returned the receipt which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 15, 1997. The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company did not pay its 1997 RAFs, plus statutory penalties and interest for the year 1997. As of January 27, 1999, the company has not paid the past due amount.

6.) Docket #981763-TI - America's Tele-Network Corp. - This company obtained Certificate No. 4377 on 02/03/96. The Division of Administration sent the 1997 RAF notice by certified mail. The

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USPS returned the receipt which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 15, 1997. The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company did not pay its 1997 RAFs, plus statutory penalties and interest for the year 1997. As of January 27, 1999, the company has not paid the past due amount.

Staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

### DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

**ISSUE 1:** Should the Commission impose a \$500 fine or cancel the interexchange telecommunications certificates issued to each company listed on page 5 for apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. The Commission should impose a \$500 fine or cancel each company's certificate as listed on page 5 if the fine and the regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalties and interest, are not received by the Commission within five business days after the conclusion of the 21 day protest period. The fine should be paid to the Florida Public Service Commission and forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the Commission's Order is not protested and the fine and regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalties and interest, are not received, the interexchange telecommunications certificate numbers listed on page 5 should be canceled with an effective date of December 31, 1998. (Isler)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, requires the payment of regulatory assessment fees by January 30 of the subsequent year for telecommunications companies, and provides for penalties and interest as outlined in Section 350.113, Florida Statutes, for any delinquent amounts.

Staff was notified by the Division of Administration that each of the interexchange telecommunications providers listed on page 5 had not paid their 1997 regulatory assessment fees, plus statutory penalties and interest. Therefore, the companies have failed to

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comply with Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

Accordingly, staff recommends that the Commission assess a \$500 fine for failure to comply with the Commission rules or cancel the companies respective certificate numbers if the fine and the regulatory assessment fees, along with statutory penalties and interest, are not paid within five business days after the conclusion of the 21 day protest period. The fine should be paid to the Florida Public Service Commission and forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the Commission's Order is not protested and the fine and regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalties and interest, are not received, the certificate numbers listed on page 5 should be canceled with an effective date of December 31, 1998.

**ISSUE 2:** Should these dockets be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, if no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the Order will become final. Upon payment of the fines and fees, or cancellation of the certificate, these dockets should be closed. A protest in one docket should not prevent the action in a separate docket from becoming final. (Cox)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** Whether staff's recommendation on Issue 1 is approved or denied, the result will be a proposed agency action order. If no timely protest to the proposed agency action is filed within 21 days of the date of issuance of the Order, these dockets should be closed upon payment of the fines and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificates. A protest in one docket should not prevent the action in a separate docket from becoming final.

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<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NO.</u>	<u>RAFs</u>	<u>P and I</u>
981739-TI	Network Service Center, Inc.	3966	1997	1995 1996 1997
981740-TI	Hospitality Solutions, Inc.	3970	1996 1997	1995 1996 1997
981760-TI	Georgia Public Telephone Company	4400	1997	1996 1997
981761-TI	Vision Telecommunication, Inc.	4423	1997	1996 1997
981762-TI	ActiveTel L.D., Inc.	4444	1997	1997
981763-TI	America's Tele-Network Corp.	4377	1997	1997