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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (ISLER)

FROM: DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ISLER) *DM*  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (J. MILLER) *JM MS*

RE: DOCKET NO. 981981-TI - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF IXC CERTIFICATE NO. 5482 ISSUED TO COMMUNICATION SCIENCES GROUP, INC., FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

AGENDA: 03/30/99 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\981981.RCM

### CASE BACKGROUND

Communication Sciences Group, Inc. obtained Florida Public Service Commission IXC Certificate No. 5482 on December 17, 1997.

The Division of Administration mailed the 1997 regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice by certified mail. Staff received the return receipt from the United States Postal Service (USPS) which showed that the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on January 27, 1998.

The Division of Administration advised staff by memorandum that this company had not paid its 1997 RAF, plus the 1997 statutory penalty and interest charges.

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After the docket was opened, but prior to staff filing a recommendation, a company representative called staff and advised that the company would pay the past due amount in full and request voluntary cancellation of its certificate. The Division of Administration records show that the past due charges have now been paid. Therefore, staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

#### DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

**ISSUE 1:** Should the Commission grant Communication Sciences Group, Inc. a voluntary cancellation of its IXC Certificate No. 5482?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. The Commission should grant the company a voluntary cancellation of its IXC certificate 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.

The Division of Administration notified staff by memorandum that this company had not submitted the regulatory assessment fees for 1997, along with the 1997 statutory penalty and interest charges.

After the docket was opened, but prior to staff filing a recommendation, a company representative called staff and advised that the company would pay the past due amount in full and request voluntary cancellation of its certificate. The Division of Administration records show that the past due charges have now been paid.

Accordingly, staff believes the company's request for a voluntary cancellation of its IXC certificate should be granted with an effective date of December 31, 1998.

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**ISSUE 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, if the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed. (J. Miller)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, no other issues remain unresolved and this docket should be closed.