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Ms. Blanco Bayo'
Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 991833-TI
North American Telecommunications Corporation d/b/a
Southeast Telephone Company

Dear Ms. Bayo'

On Monday December 27, 1999, North American Telecom received your letter enclosing the case assignment and scheduling record for the above docket which proposes the cancellation of North American's interexchange certificate for failure to pay the required regulatory assessment fees. On Tuesday, December 28 I discussed this matter with Ms Paula Isler, who forwarded to me the appropriate reporting forms. The completed reporting form and the required fees including interest and a late payment penalty was forwarded to the Commission on December 30.

Upon receiving your letter, I attempted to establish whether North American had been notified of the assessment and been provided any reporting forms. I was unable to find any indication that it had. I subsequently had a discussion with Mr. Frank Harrison in the Division of Administration who was able to verify that the forms had been sent to North American at the correct address. Since I have no basis or reason to disagree with Mr. Harrison's records, I can only conclude that somehow the notice and forms from the Commission were misplaced or misdirected within North American. To insure against this reoccurring, Mr. Harrison has made the necessary changes in the Commission's records to have future forms and notices sent to my attention. I am confident that this will resolve the issue for the future.

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Ms Isler suggested that I write to you regarding resolution of the pending case against the company now that the fees have been paid. I assure you that this was a pure oversight without any intent to avoid our obligations to the Commission. Florida is a key market for North American. We have made significant investments in Florida, and have plans to invest a great deal more in the state over the next twelve months.

In light of the above we are requesting that the Commission dismiss this action to cancel our interexchange certificate. To facilitate dismissal North American is prepared to voluntarily pay an appropriate penalty as a settlement of any claims. Under the circumstances, we would suggest a payment of \$100.00.

We are hopeful that the Commission will accept this proposal. On behalf of North American, I apologize to the Commission for any inconvenience caused by this oversight.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saul Fisher', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Saul Fisher

Vice President—Legal and Regulatory Affairs