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

FROM: DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES (ISLER) *PI*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (BANKS) *FRB*

RE: DOCKET NO. 000912-TC - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE NO. 3243 ISSUED TO R.J. TEWSON D/B/A SUNCOAST COMMUNICATIONS FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

AGENDA: 09/26/00 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMP\WP\000912.RCM

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CASE BACKGROUND

- **12/24/92** - This company obtained Florida Public Service Commission PATS Certificate No. 3243.
- **01/26/99** - The Commission received Suncoast Communications' 1998 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) Return for the period ended December 31, 1998. The company reported revenues in the amount of \$303,834.
- **12/10/99** - The Division of Administration mailed the 1999 RAF notice. The due date was January 31, 2000.
- **02/29/00** - The Division of Administration mailed a delinquent notice.

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- **08/17/00** - Mr. Bob Davis, representative of Suncoast Communications, called and requested information about this docket. Staff was advised that the company would pay the outstanding balance and make a settlement offer.
- **08/23/00** - The Commission received the company's check for the outstanding amount, including statutory penalty and interest charges, and a settlement proposal.
- **09/05/00** - As of this date, the company has not paid the past due amount.

Staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission accept the settlement offer proposed by R.J. Tewson d/b/a Suncoast Communications to resolve the apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should accept the company's settlement proposal. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, the company's Certificate No. 3243 should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: After this docket was opened but prior to staff filing a recommendation, the Commission received the company's payment for the outstanding regulatory assessment fee, including statutory penalty and interest charges, and a letter from the company, which offered a settlement in the amount of \$175 and proposal to pay future RAFs on a timely basis. This settlement amount is consistent with amounts the Commission has accepted for recent, similar violations.

Accordingly, staff believes the terms of the settlement agreement as summarized in this recommendation should be accepted. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, the company's Certificate No. 3243 should be canceled administratively.

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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 upon receipt of the \$175 contribution or cancellation of the certificate. (Banks)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$175 contribution or cancellation of the certificate.