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Public Service Commission

September 25, 2000

Mr. Jay Gottlieb
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Re: Docket No. 001041-TC

Dear Mr. Gottlieb:

This is a follow up to our telephone conversation concerning the above docket. The regulatory assessment fee (RAF) is due each year by January 30 for the previous year, unless the 30th falls on a weekend, then the due date is the next working day. For example, the 1999 fee was due January 31, 2000.

Commission records show that as of this date, the 1999 RAF has not been paid. In our conversation, you told me you had the 1999 RAF return. Please complete and return it along with your check for the past due amount in full. The RAF is .0015% of your total Florida gross revenues, or \$50.00, whichever is greater. However, if you owe only the minimum amount and if it is postmarked in September 2000, the 1999 total is \$66.50 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$4.00 interest). If your check is postmarked in October 2000, the interest increases to \$4.50, or a total minimum amount of \$67.00.

To resolve this docket, you have three options.

- (1) Cancel the certificate voluntarily - Pay all past due charges in full, pay the current year's RAF or provide a date certain that it will be paid (such as 30 days from the date of the Commission Order cancelling your certificate), and write a letter requesting cancellation. A copy of our rule is attached.
- (2) Do nothing - In this case, your certificate will be cancelled on the Commission's own motion. All outstanding RAFs, including penalty and interest charges, will be turned over to the Comptroller's Office for collection. In addition, Rule 25-24.511(5), F.A.C., states that "Only one certificate per applicant will be granted. A new certificate will not be granted to any applicant who has previously had a certificate involuntarily

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cancelled.” This means that if you choose this option, you could not reapply for a new certificate at a later date.

- (3) Propose a settlement - There is normally a \$500 fine imposed for this rule violation. You need to write the Commission a settlement letter that must include the following:
- Docket number;
 - A check for the past due amount in full;
 - A statement that it has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees; and
 - Make a specific monetary settlement.

Any settlement offer should be addressed to Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. The proposed settlement amount should **not** be paid at this time, instead only the past due regulatory assessment fee, plus penalty and interest charges should be paid. The settlement amount, if approved by the Commission, must be paid within 10 business days after the Commission Order is issued.

Please let me know what your decision is by October 10, 2000. If you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, and by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Docket No. 001041-TC
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25-24.514 Cancellation of a Certificate.

- (1) The Commission may cancel a company's certificate for any of the following reasons:
- (a) Violation of the terms and conditions under which the authority was originally granted;
 - (b) Violation of Commission rules or orders;
 - (c) Violation of Florida Statutes; or,
 - (d) Failure to provide service for a period of six (6) months.

(2) If a certificated company desires to cancel its certificate, it shall request cancellation from the Commission in writing and shall provide the following with its request.

- (a) Statement of intent and date to pay Regulatory Assessment Fee.
- (b) Statement of why the certificate is proposed to be cancelled.

(3) Cancellation of a certificate shall be ordered subject to the holder providing the information required by subsection (2).

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented 350.113, 350.127(1), 364.03, 364.285, 364.337, 364.345 FS.

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