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September 26, 2000

Blanca Bayo
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Docket No. 000928-TC
Three Rivers Phone Corp. TE928

Dear Ms. Bayo:

We were recently advised that we had failed to file and pay with regard to our 1999 Regulatory Assessment Fee. Representatives of our office had in fact been in contact with the commission earlier in the year with regard to the procedure for an inactive company. On March 16, 2000 we were advised by Ms. Stephanie Cater, of the Public Service Commission, that she would send a form to update our filing status along with an indication of the amount due which she believed to be approximately \$53.00-\$56.00. Shortly after that telephone conversation, the person in our office who spoke to Ms. Cater, went on a two-week vacation. When she returned there were no forms on her desk to remind her of the situation. Frankly, she forgot about the situation, as apparently did Ms. Cater of the Commission.

Upon receiving a notice of violation with regard to the 1999 RAF, our office person responsible for this matter searched her files and recalled the situation. She then contacted Ms. Cater of the Commission who also recalled the situation, including her promise to send the necessary form. After apologizing for the miscommunications, she referred our person to Ms. Isler who assisted further in the process. We then sent in a new form along with our check for the amount due, which was in fact received on September 5th, the same date that the Commission voted to impose a \$500.00 penalty for failure to pay the 1999 RAF.

Based on the foregoing set of circumstances, we think the record reflects an unintentional error on our part; but does indicate that we were attempting to get this matter resolved properly. Due to the circumstances and apparent unintentional oversight by all involved, we respectfully request that the fine be abated in full. If the Commission does not believe this is justifiable, we respectfully request that the Commission reduce the fine as low as possible. We would note that our company has always paid its assessment timely in the past.

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Sincerely,

Eugene W. Kligmann



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