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Public Service Commission

October 11, 2000

Mr. Vince DiNitto
Southern Telephone Company
3040 NW 23rd Avenue
Oakland Park, FL 33311

Re: Docket No. 000916-TC

Dear Mr. DiNitto:

The Commission received your recent letter responding to Order No. PSC-00-1711-PAA-TC, which advised that Southern Telephone Company is no longer in business. This docket was opened for nonpayment of the 1999 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) and not providing the Commission with your updated address and telephone number as required by Commission rules.

As information, the 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. In addition, Rule 25-24.520, Florida Administrative Code, requires that companies must notify the Commission within 10 days of a change of address and telephone number.

Commission records show that as of this date, the 1999 RAF has not been paid. The 1999 RAF return is attached. 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 your check is postmarked by October 27, 2000, the 1999 total is \$67.00 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$4.50 interest). If your check is postmarked between October 28 and November 26, 2000, the interest increases to \$5.00, for a total 1999 RAF of \$67.50. In addition, our records show that you have a penalty and interest balance in the amount of \$39.00 from prior years that needs to be paid. breakdown is attached.

Since your letter stated that you are no longer in business, at this point, you have two options.

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- (1) Cancel the certificate voluntarily - Pay all past due charges in full, pay the current year's (2000) 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 and reference the docket number. 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 cancelled." This means that if you choose this option, you could not reapply for a new certificate at a later date.

Any letter requesting voluntary cancellation 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. If you pay the past due amount in full, and either pay the 2000 fee or provide a date certain that it will be paid, a new Agenda Conference date will be scheduled. At that time, the Commissioners will vote on whether or not to approve your request for voluntary cancellation. If approved, an Order based on that vote will then be issued.

Please let me know what your decision is by October 26, 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,



Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant
Bureau of Service Quality & Compliance

Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 000916-TC
Division of Legal Services (Banks)

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return
(Pay Telephone Service Provider)

1. **WHEN TO FILE:** For companies which owed a total of \$10,000 or more of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

*On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND
On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.*

For companies which owed a total of less than \$10,000 of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before January 30 for the prior twelve-month period January 1 through December 31.

However, if July 30 or January 30 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the Regulatory Assessment Fee may be filed or postmarked on the next business day, without penalty.

2. **FEES:** Each company shall pay 0.0015 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business, as referenced in Rule 25-4.0161(1), F.A.C. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross Intrastate Operating Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Florida. Do not deduct any expenses, taxes or uncollectibles from these amounts other than the amount on Line 3.

On Line 3, deduct any amount paid to another telecommunications company for the use of any telecommunications network (including installation charges) to provide service to its customers. *Do not deduct any taxes, federal subscriber line charges, interstate long distance access charges, or amounts paid for nonregulated services such as voice mail, inside wire maintenance or equipment purchases/rentals.* **DEDUCTIONS MUST BE INTRASTATE ONLY AND MUST BE VERIFIABLE.**

3. **FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE:** Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 6). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line 7). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be completed, signed, and filed even if there are no revenues to report or if the minimum amount is due.

When a company fails to timely file a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return, the Commission has the authority to order the company to pay a penalty and/or cancel the company's certificate. The company will have an opportunity to respond to any proposed Commission action.

4. **EXTENSION:** A request for an extension of time up to 30 days may be made by filing the enclosed Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return form (PSC/ADM-124), two weeks prior to the filing date. When an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or
1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16 to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a company may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the company shall be granted a 30-day extension per which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space in the top left-hand corner on the reverse side.

5. **FEE ADJUSTMENTS:** You will be notified as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment. The company may file a written request for a refund of any overpayments. The request should be directed to Fiscal Services at the below-referenced address.
6. **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete this form, make a copy for your records, and return the original in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Use of this envelope should assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of payment. **Make your check payable to the Florida Public Service Commission.** If you are unable to use the envelope please address your remittance as follows:

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 ATTENTION: Fiscal Services
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7. **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:** If you need additional information or assistance in preparing your Regulatory Assessment Return, please contact the Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis at (850) 413-6480.

For assistance with Item 9, please contact the Division of Communications at (850) 413-6502.

Both divisions may be contacted at the above-referenced address, directing correspondence to the attention of the division.

Southern Telephone Company (TE451)
 Certificate No. 2814, Effective 09/25/91

Year	Fee	Penalty	Interest	Notes
1991	Paid	\$12.50	\$8.50	Payment was due 01/30/92. The company paid the RAF on 03/22/93, but not the penalty and interest, leaving a balance of \$21.00.
1992	Paid	\$12.50	\$2.50	Payment was due 01/30/93. The company paid the RAF on 06/22/93, but not the penalty and interest, leaving a balance of \$15.00.
1995	Paid	\$2.50	\$0.50	Payment was due 07/30/95. The company paid the RAF on 08/30/95, but not the penalty and interest, leaving a balance of \$3.00.
Total	n/a	\$27.50	\$11.50	Total Past Due for Prior Years, NOT including 1999: \$39.00.

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.

History--New 1-5-87.