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October 24, 2000

Ms. Sarah Bryant
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Re: Docket No. 001471-TX

Dear Ms. Bryant:

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. You advised me during our conversation that you mailed the form to the Commission in March, 2000, but overlooked the minimum fee. 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 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, or a total minimum amount of \$67.50.

Since the Commissioners have not yet voted on 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.

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- (3) Propose a settlement - There is normally a \$500 fine imposed for this rule violation. It should be noted that just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled. 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 what those steps are; 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 November 8, 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. 001471-TX
Division of Legal Services (Dandelake)

25-24.820 Revocation of a Certificate.

(1) The Commission may on its own motion, after notice and opportunity for hearing, revoke a company's certificate for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Violation of a term or condition under which the authority was originally granted;
- (b) Violation of Commission rule or order;
- (c) Violation of Florida Statute; or
- (d) Violation of a price list standard.

(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. Cancellation of a certificate shall be ordered subject to the holder providing the required information.

- (a) A statement of intent and date certain to pay regulatory assessment fee.
- (b) A statement of why the certificate is proposed to be canceled.
- (c) A statement as to how customer deposits and final bills will be handled.
- (d) Proof of individual customer notice regarding discontinuance of service.

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented 364.335, 364.345 FS.

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