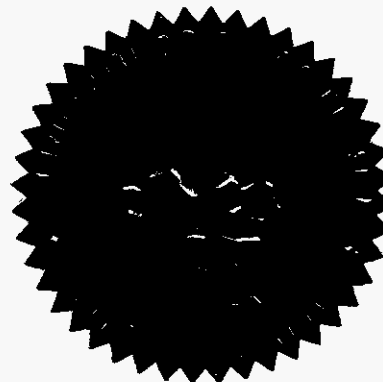


**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. 981488-TI**

**In the Matter of**

**INITIATION OF SHOW CAUSE  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ACCUTEL  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR  
UNLAWFUL BILLING PRACTICES IN  
VIOLATION OF SECTION 364.10(1)  
AND SECTION 364.604(2), F.S.,  
AND INSUFFICIENT MANAGEMENT  
CAPABILITY PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 364.337(3), F.S.**



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**PROCEEDINGS:            PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**BEFORE:                    COMMISSIONER LILA A. JABER  
Prehearing Officer**

**DATE:                      Monday, March 5, 2001**

**TIME:                      Commenced at 9:40 a.m.  
Concluded at 9:42 a.m.**

**PLACE:                    Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 148  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida**

**REPORTED BY:            TRICIA DeMARTE  
Official FPSC Reporter  
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1 **APPEARANCES:**

2 **C. LEE FORDHAM, Florida Public Service**  
3 **Commission, Division of Legal Services, 2540 Shumard**  
4 **Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870,**  
5 **appearing on behalf of the Commission Staff.**

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**COMMISSIONER JABER: Counsel, read the notice.**

**MR. FORDHAM: By notice issued February 21st, 2001, this time and place was set for prehearing in Docket Number 981488, which is initiation of show cause proceedings against Accutel Communications, Inc., for unlawful billing practices in violation of Section 364.10(1) and Section 364.604(2), Florida Statutes, and insufficient management capability pursuant to Section 364.337(3), Florida Statutes, for purposes set forth in the notice.**

**COMMISSIONER JABER: Mr. Fordham, let's take appearances, please.**

**MR. FORDHAM: I'm Lee Fordham, representing the Florida Public Service Commission.**

**COMMISSIONER JABER: And it's my understanding that no one from Accutel is here this morning.**

**MR. FORDHAM: Commissioner, we have not heard from or seen anyone from Accutel. The last attorney that we had involvement with was Mr. Crocker who withdrew from any involvement in the case in July of 2000. Since July of 2000, we've had no communication of any sort with the company. Mailings have been returned, and I have tried to telephone the principals of the company and found that the telephone number we have on record is no longer a valid**

1 number.

2 COMMISSIONER JABER: How do you recommend we go  
3 forward?

4 MR. FORDHAM: Commissioner, I would recommend  
5 that we -- since they have not filed testimony, nor have  
6 they filed a prehearing statement, I would recommend that  
7 we continue the hearing indefinitely, and Staff will  
8 prepare a recommendation which will recommend dismissal of  
9 the case.

10 COMMISSIONER JABER: For purposes of the record,  
11 this prehearing was to start at 9:30 a.m. We allowed 10  
12 minutes of extra time to confirm that no one from Accutel  
13 was able to attend the prehearing conference. It's about  
14 9:40. I'm going to adjourn the prehearing and allow Staff  
15 to file a recommendation in this case recommending to the  
16 Commission a manner in which the case should or should not  
17 go forward. Thank you.

18 MR. FORDHAM: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 (Hearing concluded at 9:42 a.m.)

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1 STATE OF FLORIDA )

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3 COUNTY OF LEON )

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5 I, TRICIA DeMARTE, Official Commission Reporter,  
6 do hereby certify that the Prehearing Conference in Docket No.  
7 981488-TI was heard by the Florida Public Service Commission at  
8 the time and place herein stated.

9 IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I stenographically  
10 reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed  
11 under my direct supervision; and that this transcript, consisting  
12 of 4 pages, constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said  
13 proceedings.

14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee,  
15 attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or  
16 employee of any of the parties' attorneys or counsel connected  
17 with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

18 DATED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH, 2001.

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