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Ms. Blanca Bayo
Director, Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 010734-T1

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On May 11, 2001, the Division of Competitive Services of the Florida Public Service Commission filed the above-referenced docket requesting the cancellation of the interexchange certificate No. 5619 issued to Focal Communications Corporation of Florida ("Focal") for violation of Rule 25-4.0161 requiring the payment of regulatory assessment fees. On May 17, 2001 we noticed the above-referenced docket on the Internet website of the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission"). On that same date, Focal sent the appropriate regulatory assessment fee in the amount of \$50.00 to the Commission by overnight courier. Focal has also paid the applicable statutory penalties and interest relating to the late payment of the fee.

Focal apologizes for any inconvenience that may have been caused by its failure to pay its regulatory fee on or before the due date of January 31, 2001. Focal has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees. Specifically, the Focal employees responsible for processing the payments have marked their electronic calendars to ensure that Focal will submit the appropriate form and fee regardless of whether Focal receives the appropriate statutory notice.

Ms. Paula Isler at the Commission has informed me that, in order to keep Focal's certificate active, in addition to paying the past due fee with statutory interest and penalties in full, Focal must make a monetary offer to settle the above-referenced docket. Focal offers to settle the above-referenced docket for \$100. If Focal's offer is accepted, and Focal fails to comply with the terms of this offer, Focal waives its objection to the administrative cancellation of its interexchange certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (312)895-8949. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jane Van Duzer
Senior Counsel

cc: David Tatak

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