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

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RE:

Docket No. 010717-TI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

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On May 10, 2001, the above-referenced docket was established by the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") requesting the cancellation of interexchange telecommunications certificate No. 2999 issued to ATX Telecommunications Services ("ATX") for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., requiring the payment of regulatory assessment fees.

After receiving notice of the establishment of that docket, ATX conducted a review of its records. That review determined that ATX had erroneously filed its Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return for the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000 (the "2000 Return") with the State of Florida Department of Revenue (the "Department") instead of with the Commission. In so filing the 2000 Return, ATX issued a check payable to the Department in the amount of \$259.76 (representing a regulatory assessment fee of \$231.92, plus a late payment penalty of \$23.20 and late payment interest of \$4.64). Enclosed as Exhibit A are copies of the 2000 Return and the initial check issued by ATX's corporate parent, CoreComm, to the Department.

The Department subsequently returned ATX's 2000 Return and the remittance check via notice letter dated April 4, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit B). However, such documents were not properly identified for internal routing to the necessary parties for filing with the Commission. Discovering the documents in its aforementioned records review, ATX filed the 2000 Return (as originally prepared) with the Commission and submitted a re-issued check in the amount of \$259.76 payable to the Commission by cover letter dated June 12, 2001 (copies of the cover letter and remittance are enclosed as Exhibit C).

At this time, ATX hereby additionally remits payment to the Commission in the amount of \$61.09. This sum represents certain additional penalties and interest attributable to the period of time between ATX's erroneous filing with the Department and its actual filing of the 2000 Return with the Commission. Additionally, the sum represents payment of other penalties and interest attributable to prior year late filings of Regulatory Assessment Fee Returns which are also the subject of the above-referenced docket. Specifically, this additional check represents payment in full of all statutory penalties and interest owed by ATX, as follows:

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CAF		Penalty	<u>Interest</u>	Return Period Ending
OMP	a.	\$5.00	\$1.00	12/31/1993
00M	b.	\$5.00	\$1.00	06/30/1994
CTR	c.	\$6.16	\$1.17	06/30/1995 and 12/31/1995
ECR	d.	\$34.80	\$6.96	12/31/2000
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According to correspondence from and a conversation with Commission staff, in addition to paying the statutory penalties and interest in full, ATX must make a monetary offer to settle the above-referenced docket. Accordingly, ATX offers settlement in the amount of \$100.00, which is the minimal amount that ATX was advised would be acceptable. Given the extenuating circumstances regarding the 2000 Return and the fact that this settlement offer is almost one-third of the total amount of the assessment fees, penalties and interest owed for the various return periods (\$320.85), ATX believes that this settlement amount is a reasonable one.

ATX hereby waives objection to the administrative cancellation of ATX's certificate in the event that ATX's settlement offer is accepted by the Commission, but ATX fails to comply with the terms of the offer. If, however, there is a factual dispute as to the manner or level of compliance with any provision in the settlement offer, ATX understands that the matter will be brought to the Commission by Commission staff for consideration.

ATX regrets any inconvenience caused by its failure to pay its regulatory fees in a timely manner, and has taken steps to ensure the timely filing of future returns and fee payments. Specifically, ATX has now internalized the regulatory reporting function that was previously outsourced to a vendor. As part of this internalization, an electronic calendar system will track future regulatory reporting dates on a national basis, and provide reminder notices in advance of due dates to allow for the timely gathering of information needed to process such reports and remit payment. Further, ATX is currently reorganizing and consolidating certain internal functions, which should promote more efficient interdepartmental communication and processes, thereby avoiding mishaps such as the erroneous filing of the 2000 Return and misdirection of the same upon its return receipt from the Department.

Finally, please note, any future correspondence in this matter may be directed to my attention at the following address:

ATX c/o CoreComm 225 West Ohio, Suite 200 Chicago, Illinois 60610

Enclosed is a duplicate of this letter and its attachments. Please stamp the duplicate "received" and return it to my attention using the self-addressed stamped envelope also provided herein.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312/445-1162.

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Sincerely,

Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

EXHIBIT A:

ATX's Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return for the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000, and check payable to the State of Florida Department of Revenue.

AVOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES, THE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON OR BEPORE 01/30/2001 Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return Florida Public Service, Commission STATUS: FOR PSC USE ONLY (See Filing Instructions on Rack of Ferm) X Actual Return TI085
ATX Telecommunications Services 0603001 Estimated Return 003001 Amended Renim 225 West Ohio, Suite 200 0603001 004011 PERIOD COVERED: Chicago, IL 60610 01/01/2000 TO Postmark Date 12/31/2000 Initials of Preparer Please Complete Below If Official Mailing Address Has Changed (Name of Company) (Address) (City/State) (Zip) FLORIDA GROSS OPERATING REVENUE INTRASTATE REVENUE ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION LINE NO. 154,611 Long Distance Services 2. Access Services Private Line Services 3. Leased Facilities & Circuits Services 4. 5. Miscellaneous Services 154,611 **TOTAL Telephone Services** LESS: Amounts Paid to Other Telecommunications Companies* 0) (see "2. Fees" on back) TOTAL REVENUES For Regulatory Assessment Fee Calculation 54.611 8 Regulatory Assessment Fee Due (Multiply Line 8 by 0.0015) 221 02 Penalty for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back) 10. Interest for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back) 11 259.76 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE 12 These amounts must be intrastate only and must be verifiable. AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 364.336, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MINIMUM ANNUAL FEE IS \$50 CURRENT COMPANY STATUS) Call Aggregator) Facilities-Based Carrier (X) Reseller () Rebiller) Alternate-Operator Service) Other: BILLING INFORMATION Complete below if billing agent if other than yourself. (Address: City/State/Zip) (Telephone) (Name) What is the total amount of bond held (if applicable)? What is the total amount of customer deposits collected? Amount: \$ 0 for 2000 Amount: \$ Expires: COMPANY INFORMATION () NO Do you lease telecommunications' facilities? () YES If YES, who do you lease these facilities from? I, the undersigned owner/officer of the above-named company, have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above

I, the undersigned owner/officer of the above-named company, have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and better the above information is a true and correct statement. I am aware that pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his/her duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(Signature of Company Official)

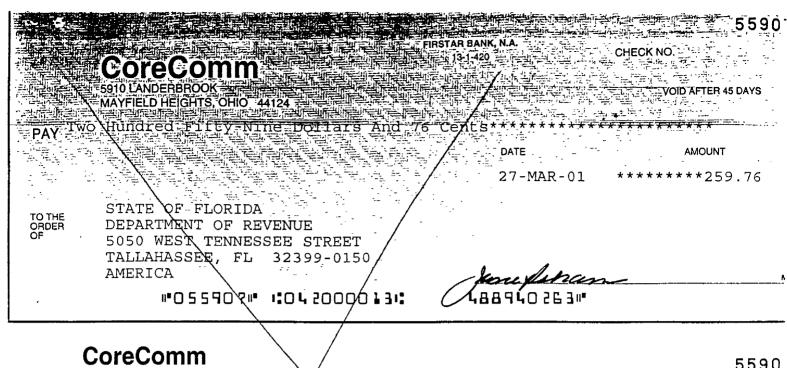
TAX MANAGENT

3-27-01 (Date)

Scott Kellogg '
(Preparer of Form - Please Print Name)

Telephone Number (312) 445-1153 Fax Number (312) 445-1232

F.E.I. No. 23-3032245



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DATE INVOICE NO COMMENT DISCOUNT NET AMOUN 27-MAR-01 200103 ATX FLORIDA REGULATOR 0.00 259.

VENDOR #: 33298

CHECK: 55907 27-MAR-01 STATE OF FLORIDA

PG TOTAL:

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EXHIBIT B:

State of Florida Department of Revenue April 4, 2001 Notice Letter



STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0100

General Tax Administration Child Support Enforcement Property Tax Administration Administrative Services Information Services

JimZingale Executive Director

APRIL 04, 2001

CORECOM 5910 LANDERBROOK CK#55907 AMT:\$259.76 SCREENER:0075

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO 44124

We are returning remittance (s) listed above for the following reasons, as indicated by an X.

Check (s) sent to the Florida Department of Pevenue in error.

XX Unable to identify- if this remittance is for taxes administered by the Florida Department of Revenue, please enclose appropriate tax return with your tax identification number and return to the address indicated below.

If this is in payment of Federal taxes, please send to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Atlanta, Georgia 39901.

Your check or money order is not payable to the Florida Department of Revenue and/or is incomplete. Actual payment of taxes cannot be accounted for until this Department receives a correctly completed valid check or money order.

We are returning the attached documentation relating to vehicle title, registration and/or vehicle license tag. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or the local tax collector/tag agency should be contacted. You may contact the Florida Department of Highway Safety, Title & Registration at (850) 488-3881.

Postal Damage- Your remittance has been damaged by the postal process. We are returning your damaged property.

Other:

Please include this correspondence and any postmarked envelope(s) along with your response to:

Florida Department of Revenue Return & Revenue Processing 5050 W. Tennessee Street, Bldg k Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0100

EXHIBIT C:

June 12, 2001 Cover Letter and Remittance



June 12, 2001

Florida Public Service Commission ATTN: Fiscal Services 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Docket No. 010717-TI

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return of ATX Telecommunications Services for the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000 (the "Return").

Please be advised, on March 28, 2001, ATX erroneously issued a check in the amount of \$259.76 payable to the Florida Department of Revenue (the "Department") and sent that check with the Return to the Department, instead of the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission"). At this time, ATX hereby submits the Return (which has since been returned by the Department to ATX) and a re-issued check for the amount originally calculated on the Return to the Commission.

ATX is aware that the Commission initiated the above-referenced docket in part due to ATX's failure to properly file the Return in a timely manner, and that additional penalties and interest are owed for the same. Therefore, ATX is immediately filing the Return and the re-issued check. Then, under separate cover, ATX will propose a settlement to the Commission in this docket and remit payment of additional penalties and interest due for the Return, as well as prior years' assessment fee returns that are also the subject of the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me in the interim at 312/445-1162.

Scott Kellogg//

Regulatory Attorney

Enclosure

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO 44124

PAY Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars And 76 Cents*

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ORDER

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850

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INVOICE NO DATE 27-MAR-01 200103ATX

COMMENT

ATX FLORIDA REGULATOR

DISCOUNT

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VENDOR #: 12793

CHECK: 58756 23-MAY-01 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PG TOTAL:

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