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August 23, 2001

Via Facsimile

Mr. Corey Greer
Metrophone Telecommunications Inc.
2020 124th Avenue, NE, Suite C-103
Bellevue, WA 98005-2118

RE: Docket No. 010527-TC

Dear Mr. Greer:

On June 11, the Commission received payment for the 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) and a portion of the penalty and interest charges, leaving a 2000 balance of \$9.14, plus a penalty and interest balance in the amount of \$9.50 for the 1998 and 1999 RAF years. On July 25, 2001, I faxed you a note explaining that in addition to the company paying the \$18.64 balance in full, it should also propose a settlement if it wishes to keep its certificate active. As of this date, the Commission has received neither. Therefore, unless the balance is paid and a settlement proposal received within 15 days from the date of this letter, I will have no choice but to go forward with a recommendation to fine Metrophone \$500 for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code.

If you wish to discuss this or have any questions, please let me know. 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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cc: Docket No. 010527-TC
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OPTIONS

CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE

- **Voluntary Cancellation** - In order to be granted a voluntary cancellation, the company must: 1) write a letter requesting cancellation of the certificate and explain why (such as no longer in the payphone business); 2) pay all past due charges in full; and 3) pay the 2001 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) or provide a date certain that it will be paid (such as 30 days from the date of the Commission Order cancelling the certificate).
- **Involuntary Cancellation** - If the company does nothing to resolve this docket, the 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 the company chooses this option, it could not reapply for a new certificate at a later date.

TO KEEP THE CERTIFICATE ACTIVE

- Pay the past due RAF amount in full, including statutory penalty and interest charges, plus the fine imposed, after the Order is issued and the certificate will remain active. Just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled.
- Propose a settlement - All settlements should include the following elements:
 - 1) Docket number;
 - 2) A check for the past due amount in full. It should be noted that just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled;
 - 3) A statement that the company has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees and what those steps are;
 - 4) A waiver of objection, which should state: The company agrees to waive any objection to the administrative cancellation of its certificate should it fail to pay in accordance with its settlement offer. If, however, there is a factual dispute as to the manner or level of compliance with any provision in the settlement, Commission staff will bring the matter to the Commission for consideration; and
 - 5) Make a specific monetary settlement. There is normally a \$500 fine for this rule violation. However, the Commission has accepted amounts less than the fine amount in other similar cases.

Any settlement offer/correspondence should be addressed to Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services, 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.