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RE: DOCKET NO. 010721-TI - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE NO. 4079 ISSUED TO GTE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES INCORPORATED FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

AGENDA: 09/18/01 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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CASE BACKGROUND

- **03/19/96** - This company obtained Florida Public Service Commission Certificate No. 4079.
- **12/12/00** - The 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) Notice was mailed. Payment was due by January 30, 2001.
- **02/21/01** - The Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services mailed the Delinquent Notice.
- **05/29/01** - Ms. Linda Rossy called staff and advised that the past due amount would be paid and requested the company's options to resolve this docket. The information was faxed on May 31, 2001.

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- **06/27/01** - The Commission received the company's payment for the 2000 RAF, including statutory penalty and interest charges for the years 1999 and 2000, payment for the 2001 RAF, and a letter requesting cancellation of its certificate. The company reported no revenues for both RAF years.

The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.285, and 364.337, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission grant GTE Telecommunication Services Incorporated a voluntary cancellation of its Certificate No. 4079?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should grant the company a voluntary cancellation of its Certificate No. 4079 with an effective date of June 27, 2001. (Isler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, which implements Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, requires the payment of regulatory assessment fees by January 30 of the subsequent year for telecommunications companies, and provides for penalties and interest as outlined in Section 350.113, Florida Statutes, for any delinquent amounts.

Prior to staff filing a recommendation, the company paid the 2000 RAF, including statutory penalty and interest charges for 1999 and 2000, and the 2001 RAF. In addition, the company requested voluntary cancellation of its certificate in compliance with Rule 25-24.474, Florida Administrative Code.

Accordingly, staff believes the company's request for a voluntary cancellation of its Certificate No. 4079 should be granted with an effective date of June 27, 2001.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, if the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed. (Elliott)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, no other issues remain unresolved and this docket should be closed.