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Public Service Commission

September 12, 2001

Via Facsimile

Mr. Jim Foy
USA Communications, Inc.
3900 NE 18th Avenue, #34
Oakland Park, FL 33334-5482

RE: Docket No. 010576-TC

Dear Mr. Foy:

This is a follow up to your telephone conversation with Mr. Ray Kennedy concerning the above docket. As information, the Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) is due each year by January 30 for the previous year, unless the 30th falls on a weekend, then the due date is the next working day. For example, the 1999 fee was due January 31, 2000 and the 2000 fee was due January 30, 2001.

Commission records show that the 2000 RAF, including penalty and interest charges, has not been paid. The RAF is .0015% of the company's total Florida gross revenues, or \$50.00, whichever is greater. However, if the company owes only the minimum amount and if payment is postmarked by September 27, 2001, the 2000 total is \$66.50 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$4.00 interest). The interest charge for the 2000 RAF continues to accrue until paid. Also, our records also show that you have a small penalty (\$5.74) and interest (\$2.30) balance in the amount of \$8.04 for late payment of the 1999 RAF. This balance must also be paid.

The Commissioners voted on this docket at the September 4, 2001 Agenda Conference to impose a \$500 fine for failure to pay the RAF. A Proposed Agency Action Order is scheduled to be issued by September 24, 2001. After the Order is issued, you will have 20 days to protest the Commission Order by proposing a settlement, since you told Mr. Kennedy that the company wished to keep its certificate active.

The company should file a petition, pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., copy attached. This petition must be filed with the Commission after the Order is issued and within the protest period. Rule 28-106.201(2)(g), F.A.C., states that the petition must include "A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action." A sample petition is attached. Your petition should include the following elements:

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- Docket number;
- Order number and issue date of the Order;
- Payment for the past due amount in full;
- A statement requesting that the Commission consider this a protest and/or offer of settlement;
- A statement that the company has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees and what those steps are;
- Make a specific monetary settlement (although the Commission imposed a \$500 fine, in other similar cases to yours, the Commission has accepted settlement proposals between \$100 and \$500); and
- A waiver of objection to the administrative cancellation of the company's certificate in the event its offer is accepted and it fails to comply with the terms which it has offered. 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.

Any petition/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, will become due after the Commissioners vote on this issue.

If you file a timely petition proposing a settlement, a new Agenda Conference date will be scheduled. At that time, the Commissioners will vote on whether or not to accept your settlement offer. An Order will then be issued and you will have 10 business days from the date of the Order to pay the settlement.

The past due amount and petition must be received after the Order is issued, but before the end of the protest period. 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula J. Isler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a distinct 'J'.

Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant
Bureau of Service Quality

Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 010576-TC
Division of Legal Services (Elliott)

Pay Telephone Service Provider Regulatory Assessment Fee Return

STATUS:

- _____ Actual Return
- _____ Estimated Return
- _____ Amended Return

PERIOD COVERED:
01/01/2000 TO 12/31/2000

Florida Public Service Commission
(See Filing Instructions on Back of Form)

TG545-00-0-R
USA Communications, Inc.
3900 N.E. 18th Avenue, #34
Oakland Park, FL 33334-5482

Please Complete Below If Official Mailing Address Has Changed

FOR PSC USE ONLY

Check# _____

\$ _____ 0603002
003001

\$ _____ P
0603002
004011

\$ _____ I

Postmark Date _____

Initials of Preparer _____

(Name of Company) (Address) (City/State) (Zip)

LINE NO.	ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION	AMOUNT
1.	Gross Operating Revenue (Florida)	\$ _____
2.	Gross Intrastate Revenue	_____
3.	LESS: Amounts Paid to Other Telecommunications Companies* (see "2. Fees" on back)	(_____)
4.	TOTAL REVENUES for Regulatory Assessment Fee Calculation (Line 2 less Line 3)	\$ _____
5.	Regulatory Assessment Fee Due – (Multiply Line 4 by 0.0015)	_____
6.	Penalty for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)	_____
7.	Interest for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)	_____
8.	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$ _____

AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 364.336 FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MINIMUM ANNUAL FEE IS \$50

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES REPORTED

9. Number of pay telephones in operation at close of period covered by this Return _____

* These amounts must be intrastate only and must be verifiable.

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 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 official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(Signature of Company Official) (Title) (Date)

(Preparer of Form - Please Print Name) Telephone Number () Fax Number ()

F.E.I. No. _____

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return
(Pay Telephone Service Provider)

1. **WHEN TO FILE:** For companies which owed a total of \$10,000 or more of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, **AND**
On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

For companies which owed a total of less than \$10,000 of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before January 30 for the prior twelve-month period January 1 through December 31.

However, if July 30 or January 30 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the Regulatory Assessment Fee may be filed or postmarked on the next business day, without penalty.

2. **FEES:** Each company shall pay 0.0015 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business, as referenced in Rule 25-4.0161(1), F.A.C. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross Intrastate Operating Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Florida. Do not deduct any expenses, taxes, or uncollectibles from these amounts other than the amount on Line 3.

On Line 3, deduct any amount paid to another telecommunications company for the use of any telecommunications network (including installation charges) to provide service to its customers. Do not deduct any taxes, federal subscriber line charges, interstate long distance access charges, or amounts paid for nonregulated services such as voice mail, inside wire maintenance, or equipment purchases/rentals. **DEDUCTIONS MUST BE INTRASTATE ONLY AND MUST BE VERIFIABLE.**

3. **FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE:** Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 6). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line 7). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be completed, signed, and filed even if there are no revenues to report or if the minimum amount is due.

When a company fails to timely file a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return, the Commission has the authority to order the company to pay a penalty and/or cancel the company's certificate. The company will have an opportunity to respond to any proposed Commission action.

4. **EXTENSION:** A request for an extension of time up to 30 days may be made by filing the enclosed *Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return* form (PSC/ADM-124), two weeks prior to the filing date. When an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, *or*
1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16 to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a company may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the company shall be granted a 30-day extension period in which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space in the top left-hand corner on the reverse side.

5. **FEE ADJUSTMENTS:** You will be notified as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment. The company may file a written request for a refund of any overpayments. The request should be directed to Fiscal Services at the below-referenced address.
6. **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete this form, make a copy for your records, and return the original in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Use of this envelope should assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment. Make your check payable to the Florida Public Service Commission. If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance as follows:

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 ATTENTION: Fiscal Services
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7. **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:** If you need additional information or assistance in preparing your Regulatory Assessment Fee Return or regarding telecommunications facilities, please contact the Division of Competitive Services at (850) 413-6600. This division may be contacted at the above-referenced address, directing correspondence to the attention of the division.

Sample

July 12, 2001

Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
& Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Bayo:

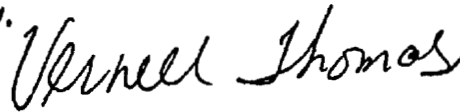
This is in response to Order No. PSC-01-1409-PAA-TC issued June 29, 2001 in Docket No. 010427-TC. Please consider this a protest and/or an offer of settlement.

We have had this pay telephone certificate since 1992 and this is the first year that the Florida Public Service Commission has had to establish a docket to collect the regulatory assessment fee. The reason I did not pay it prior to this is because I did not receive the form. After talking with Commission staff, I now understand that the form is mailed every mid-December and the fee is due by the following January 30. I will make sure that this problem does not reoccur because El Toro does want to keep its certificate active. My check in the amount of \$65.50 for the 2000 fee, including penalty and interest, is enclosed.

El Toro Barber Shop 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, it is our understanding that Commission staff will bring the matter to the Commission for consideration.

Based on this, I respectfully request that the Commission accept my proposal to pay a \$100 settlement instead of the \$500 fine imposed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Vernell Thomas
El Toro Barber Shop
4208 NW 12th Street
Lauderhill, FL 33313-5817
(954) 583-9668

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