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# Hublic Service Commission. -M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

**DATE:** January 31, 2002

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

FROM: Kimberley Peña, Bureau of Telecommunications, Division of Legal Services VAM

RE: Request for Permission from Comptroller's Office to Write-Off the RAFs for the years

1999 and 2000 for Gloria Clockedile (TG212).

On April 7, 2000, Docket No. 000425-TC was established to address TG212's failure to remit RAFs for the year 1999. By Order No. PSC-00-1710-FOF-TC, issued on September 25, 2000, the Commission approved the cancellation of TG212's Pay Telephone Certificate No. 5526 due to bankruptcy. The Commission further ordered that the outstanding Regulatory Assessment Fees not be sent to the Comptroller's Office for collection, but instead, that the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services should request permission to write-off the uncollectible amount.

Therefore, staff requests that Bureau of Administrative Services/Fiscal Services Section take the appropriate steps to seek permission from the Comptroller's Office to write-off the uncollectible RAFs for the years 1999 and 2000 for TG212.

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cc:

Jackie Knight Paula Isler Felicia Banks

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# STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER BUREAU OF AUDITING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TRANSMITTAL

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AGENCY:	FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	DATE: <u>1/31/02</u>	
CONTACT:	KAREN BELCHER, DIRECTOR, FISCAL SERVICES		
PHONE NUM	IBER: 413-6273		
SAMAS ACCO	OUNT CODE: 61 20 2 573003 610000 00 000300 61 74 1 000331 610000 00 001200		
TG212 000425-TC	Gloria Clockedile		
AGENCY REFERENCE	# LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBE	R COMPTROLLER USE ONLY	
Gloria Clockedile, 12401 Stagecoach Lane Hudson, FL 34667			
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS (INCLUDE ZIP)			
HOME TEL	\$100 \$32.50/19.50  EPHONE WORK TELEPHONE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT PENALTY/INTEREST A	\$152	
§ 364.336, F.S. § 350.113, F.S. ]	Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C. February 1, 200	0 8	
	PENALTY/INTEREST AUTHORITY DATE DEBT INCURRED	DEBT TYPE	
1999 and 2000 REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES  DEBT DESCRIPTION, C. G. DRIVER LICENSE, SALARY OVERPAYMENT, PROPERTY DAMAGE			

#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Pay Telephone Certificate No. 5526 issued to Gloria Clockedile for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies. DOCKET NO. 000425-TC ORDER NO. PSC-00-1710-FOF-TC ISSUED: September 25, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ

#### ORDER CANCELING PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 5, 1997, Gloria Clockedile (Clockedile) was granted PATS Certificate No. 5526. On February 26, 1999, this Commission received Clockedile's payment for the 1998 regulatory assessment fee (RAF). On December 8, 1999, our Division of Administration (DOA) mailed the regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice. The due date was January 31, 2000. Our DOA mailed a delinquent letter to Clockedile on February 29 2000. On February 13, 2000, this Commission received correspondence from Clockedile that advised it had been out of business since July 1999 and had filed for bankruptcy on August 15, 1999, and asked for cancellation of its certificate.

On April 5, 2000, this Commission received a notice from Clockedile advising that it had filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. We note that this Commission was never formally served notice of bankruptcy proceedings for Clockedile.

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Chapter 7 of Section 109 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code provides for total liquidation of the business entity. The filing of a bankruptcy petition under Chapter 7 invokes an automatic injunction known as the Automatic Stay, codified in Bankruptcy Code Section 362. Upon such filing, an interim Trustee in Bankruptcy is immediately appointed who has the duty to collect and secure the non-exempt assets of the debtor and distribute them to creditors in the manner set forth in the Bankruptcy Code. Secured creditors are given the highest priority in the distribution and, normally, receive all of the distributed assets. Regulatory fees and penalties owed by a company to the Florida Public Service Commission are not secured debts and, as a practical matter, are uncollectible in a Chapter 7 proceeding.

This Commission is prevented by the automatic stay provision of the Bankruptcy Code from taking action against Clockedile for its failure to pay regulatory assessment fees. Although this Commission does not typically grant a cancellation of a telecommunications certificate when there is an outstanding balance, a cancellation should be granted in this case, since Clockdedile requested cancellation of its certificate and filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Accordingly, we believe that a "bankruptcy cancellation" of Clockedile's Certificate No. 5526 is appropriate, with an effective date of April 5, 2000. In addition, the DOA will be notified that the past due RAFs should not be sent to the Comptroller's Office for collection, but that permission for this Commission to write-off the uncollectible amount will be requested.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Gloria Clockedile's Certificate No. 5526 to provide Pay Telephone services is hereby canceled, effective April 5, 2000. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket is closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>25th</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2000</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

Kay Flynn, Chief Bureau of Records

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### NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.