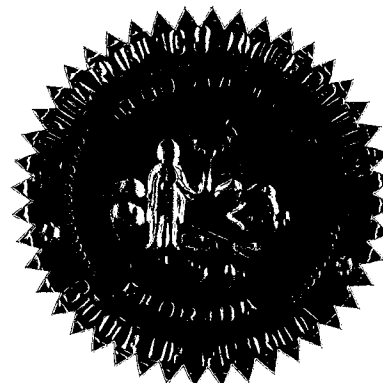


BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 060668-TP

In the Matter of:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 25-4.0161,  
F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES;  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.



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PROCEEDINGS: AGENDA CONFERENCE  
ITEM NO. 3

BEFORE: CHAIRMAN LISA POLAK EDGAR  
COMMISSIONER J. TERRY DEASON  
COMMISSIONER ISILIO ARRIAGA  
COMMISSIONER MATTHEW M. CARTER, II  
COMMISSIONER KATRINA J. TEW

DATE: Tuesday, December 5, 2006

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2                   CHRIS MOORE, ESQUIRE, and RAY KENNEDY, representing  
3 the Florida Public Service Commission Staff.

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: We will begin our discussions with  
3 Item 3.

4 MS. MOORE: Yes. Commissioners, Item Number 3 is the  
5 staff recommendation to amend Rule 25-4.0161 on  
6 telecommunications companies' regulatory assessment fees. The  
7 recommendation is to change the minimum amount, minimum annual  
8 amount of regulatory assessment fees that each  
9 telecommunications company must pay.

10 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Thank you.

11 Commissioners, are there questions?

12 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Madam Chairman, I have a  
13 question.

14 As is contained in the recommendation, there is the  
15 possibility, as is recognized, that there may be some entities  
16 which currently have a certificate that may just decide to, I  
17 guess to no longer be certified so that they'd give up their  
18 certificate because of the increase in these fees.

19 Do we have any, any feel for what that number may be  
20 and what the financial -- the revenue stream impact of that  
21 would be?

22 MR. KENNEDY: Ray Kennedy, Commission staff.

23 I would base the answer on our historical  
24 cancellations for nonpayment of RAF. For example, we had over  
25 200 companies this past year that didn't pay the RAF. I expect

1 those trends to continue. We see in excess of generally around  
2 200 or more every year, so I think we experienced about the  
3 same amount. Although it could be more because people who do  
4 not have any business may elect to just cancel and then come  
5 back later once they establish a customer base.

6 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Well, people that cancel a  
7 certificate do have -- if they cancel it in good standing, they  
8 have the ability to reapply for a certificate at a later date;  
9 right?

10 MR. KENNEDY: They certainly do.

11 COMMISSIONER DEASON: And the fee levels, there's  
12 been, been effort to set those levels at closer to the cost of  
13 regulating, administering the certificate, the certificate  
14 process and the collection of fees and that sort; is that  
15 correct?

16 MR. KENNEDY: That's correct.

17 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. That's all that I have,  
18 Madam Chairman.

19 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Commissioners, any further  
20 questions?

21 COMMISSIONER DEASON: I move staff's recommendation.

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: A motion and a second for the staff  
24 recommendation on Item 3. All in favor, say aye.

25 (Unanimous affirmative vote.)

Opposed? Show the motion carried.

(Agenda Item 3 concluded.)

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