BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against COMMUNICATIONS CATALYST CORPORATION for failure to file 1990 annual report DOCKET NO. 910130-TI ORDER NO. 24629 ISSUED: 6/6/91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON BETTY EASLEY GERALD L. GUNTER MICHAEL MCK. WILSON

ORDER IMPOSING FINE

BY THE COMMISSION:

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By Order No. 24247 (the Order), issued March 18, 1991, we ordered Communications Catalyst Corporation (CCC or the Company) to show cause in writing why a \$1000 fine should not be assessed against it for violation of Rule 25-24.480, Florida Administrative Code (the Rule). The Rule requires each interexchange carrier (IXC) to file an annual report with the Commission by January 31 of each year. CCC filed its annual report on February 4, 1991. The Order stated that the companies could pay the assessed fine or provide a written response by April 8, 1991.

On April 1, 1991, CCC responded to the Order claiming that the postmark on its annual report filing war in January, 1991. Further, the Company contends that all of its federal and state agency filings have deadlines by postmark, with the Florida Public Service Commission the only exception. However, all IXCs were notified by letters dated November 16, 1990 and January 3, 1991, reminding them of the January 31 deadline. The Rule clearly states that the annual reports must be <u>filed</u> with the Commission by January 31.

We believe that as long as a company holds an IXC certificate it is the company's responsibility to comply with all Commission rules. CCC has not provided this Commission with any specific statements of fact or law sufficient to persuade us to waive the \$1000 penalty. Accordingly, we find that Communications Catalyst Corporation shall pay a fine in the amount of \$1000 for violation of Rule 25-24.480, F.A.C. If the Company fails to pay the fine within 20 days of the issuance of this order, its certificate shall be canceled and this docket closed.

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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Communications Catalyst Corporation shall pay a fine in the amount of \$1000 for violation of Rule 25-24.480, Florida Administrative Code, which requires interexchange carriers to file an annual report by January 31 of each year. It is further

ORDERED that if Communications Catalyst Corporation pays the fine within 20 days of the issuance of this order, this docket shall be closed administratively. It is further

ORDERED that if Communications Catalyst Corporation does not pay the fine within 20 days of the issuance of this order, its certificate shall be canceled, the fine waived, and the docket closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>6th</u> day of <u>JUNE</u>, <u>1991</u>

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director _____ Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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. ORDER NO. 24629 DOCKET NO. 910130-TI PAGE 3

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 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 or sever 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. This 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.

MENORANDUM

June 5, 1991

TO : DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM : DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (KURLIN)

RE : DOCKET NO. 910130-TI

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Attached is an ORDER IMPOSING FINE in the above-referenced docket, which is ready to be issued.

PAK/ttl Attachment cc: Division of Communications

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