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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYÓ)

FROM: DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ISLER) *Dij*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (STERN) *MKS* *JK*

RE: DOCKET NO. 991515-TI - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE NO. 3963 ISSUED TO GLOBAL LONG DISTANCE, INC. D/B/A 800 CUSTOMERS SERVICE FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

AGENDA: 01/18/00 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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CASE BACKGROUND

- **01/11/95** - This company was granted IXC Certificate No. 3963.
- **12/10/98** - The 1998 regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice was mailed. Payment was due by February 1, 1999.
- **03/17/99** - The Division of Administration mailed a delinquent letter to the company.
- **10/19/99** - Staff received a letter from Mr. Larry Shipp, President, requesting information concerning the alleged violation.
- **10/25/99** - Staff faxed the company explaining that our records showed the 1998 RAF had not been paid, and advising that

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penalty and interest charges from the 1995 RAF was past due. Staff advised the company how to resolve this docket. Later the same day, staff received an e-mail from Mr. Shipp, which advised that he would research this and correct the oversight.

- 12/29/99 - As of this date the company has not paid the past due amount nor recontacted staff. This company reported no revenues on its 1997 RAF return.

Staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission impose a \$500 fine or cancel Global Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a 800 Customers Service's interexchange telecommunications certificate for apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should impose a \$500 fine or cancel the company's certificate if the fine and the regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalty and interest charges, are not received by the Commission within five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The fine should be paid to the Florida Public Service Commission and forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the Commission's Order is not protested and the fine and regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalty and interest charges, are not received, the company's interexchange telecommunications certificate should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Section 364.285, Florida Statutes, the Commission may impose a fine or cancel a certificate if a company refuses to comply with Commission rules. Rule 25-24.474, Florida Administrative Code, establishes the requirements for cancellation of an interexchange telecommunications company certificate. The rule provides for the Commission to cancel a certificate on its own motion for violation of Commission Rules and Orders.

Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, 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.

The Division of Administration's records show that the company had not paid its 1998 regulatory assessment fee, plus statutory penalty and interest charges for 1995 and 1998. Although the company initially contacted staff back in October, 1999, as of December 29, 1999, there has been no further contact and Commission records show that the RAF remains unpaid. Therefore, it appears the company has failed to comply with Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies and has not requested cancellation of its certificate in compliance with Rule 25-24.474, Florida Administrative Code.

Accordingly, staff recommends that the Commission assess a \$500 fine for failure to comply with the Commission rules or cancel the company's certificate if the fine and the regulatory assessment fees, along with statutory penalty and interest charges, are not

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the fine and fees or cancellation of the certificate, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's decision files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the proposed agency action order. (Stern)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Whether staff's recommendation on Issue 1 is approved or denied, the result will be a proposed agency action order. If no timely protest to the proposed agency action is filed within 21 days of the date of issuance of the Order, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the fine and fees or cancellation of the certificate.