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Ms. Bayo,

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This letter is with regard to Docket # 99-2002-TX, which deals with the possible Cancellation of the ALEC certificate for NewSouth Communications Corp. I have spoken with Ms. Paula Eisler regarding this matter to verify what our company needs to do in order to correct this situation. NewSouth Communications Corp to date has not received any formal of informal notification that any 1998 Regulatory Assessment fees were owed or delinquent. Our only notification came through an attorney who saw this open docket and informed of the proceeding.

I am including a check for \$168.50 which includes 68.50 for the 1998 dues, penalty and interest for the fees due when our certificate was granted from December 5, 1998 through December 31, 1998 per Ms. Eisler. I am also including a settlement offer of \$100.00 in place of the \$500.00 fine which may be imposed by the Florida Public Service Commission in these instances. As of the present date, our company has set up a computer generated "reminder" system for all regulatory reporting for the Public Service Commissions in the Southeastern United States. At the end of each year, regardless of whether or not we have revenue in Florida, our company will know that a regulatory fee of at least \$50.00 must be sent to the Florida Public Service Commission in order to comply with reporting requirements.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in this matter. We are greatly concerned about this misunderstanding. You may contact me at (864)672-5177.

Sincerely,

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