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Public Service Commission

April 6, 2000

Mr. Gregory Cogen, President Long Distance America, Inc. 5733 North Andrews Way Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2364

Docket No. 991868-TI RE:

Dear Mr. Cogen:

This docket was opened because the 1998 regulatory assessment fee (RAF) had not been paid. Our records show that you responded to Order No. PSC-00-0522-PAA-TI, which was issued on March 10, 2000, by paying the 1999 RAF and advising that you did not want the certificate cancelled. However, our records show that the 1998 past due charges remain unpaid.

Even though your certificate did not become effective until December 5, 1998, the RAF is due on each certificate if it is active for any day during a calendar year. I have enclosed the 1998 RAF form, which should be completed and returned, along with accrued penalty and interest charges...

Since the company wishes to keep its certificate active, it should pay the past due amount in full and make a settlement offer (settlement information enclosed). Please respond in writing by April 21, 2000 and let me know how you wish to proceed. If you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, and by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely, **AFA** APP Paula Q. John CAF CMU Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant CTR EAG Bureau of Service Evaluation & Compliance LEG MAS Enclosures OPC RRR Docket No. 991868-TI SEC Division of Legal Services (K. Peña) WAVV

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MORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return (Interexchange Company)

1. WHEN TO FILE: For companies which owed a total of \$10,000 or more of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year this Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

For companies which owed a total of less than \$10,000 of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this Regulato Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before January 30 for the twelve-month period January 1 through December 31.

However, if July 30 or January 30 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the Regulatory Assessment Fee may be filed postmarked on the next business day, without penalty.

- 2. FEES: Each company shall pay 0.0015 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business, as referenced in Ru 25-4.0161(1), F.A.C. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross Intrastate Operation Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Florida. Do not deduct any expenses, taxe or uncollectibles from these amounts other than the amount in Line 7.
- 3. FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE: Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty beir added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 10 in addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12 per year (Line 11). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be completed, signed, and filed even if there are no revenue to report or if the minimum amount is due.

When a company fails to file a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return, the Commission may order the company to pay a penalty and/or cancel the company's certificate. The company will have an opportunity to respond to any proposed Commission action.

4. EXTENSION: A utility, for good cause shown in a written request, may be granted an extension up to 30 days. A reque should be made by filing the enclosed Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return form (PSC/ADM-124 two weeks prior to the filing date. If an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or 1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16 to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a utility may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operatin revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the utility shall be granted a 30-day extension period in which tile and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90° of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking th "Estimated Return" space in the top left-hand corner on the reverse side.

- 5. FEE ADJUSTMENTS: You will be notified as to the amount and reason for any fee adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment. The company may file a written request for a refund of any overpayments. The request should be directed to Fiscal Services at the below-referenced address.
- 6. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form, make a copy for your files, and return the original and in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Use of this envelope should assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment if you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance as follows:

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

ATTENTION: Fiscal Services

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE: If you need additional assistance in preparing your Regulatory Assessment Fee Return. pleas contact the Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis at (850) 413-6480.

For assistance on telecommunications facilities, please contact the Division of Communications at (904) 413-6556.

Both divisions may be contacted at the above-referenced address, directing correspondence to the attention of the division.

Settlement Proposals

If a company wishes to keep its certificate active, it needs to make a settlement offer to resolve the docket. In other cases dealing with this specific rule violation, the Commission has accepted a \$100 settlement in lieu of the \$500 fine normally imposed. The settlement letter needs to include the following:

- Docket number;
- Enclose a check for all past due amounts;
- Statement that it has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees; and
- Make a specific monetary settlement.

Any settlement offer should be addressed to Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. The proposed settlement amount should <u>not</u> be paid at this time. It will become due after the Commissioners vote on this issue.

Minimum Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) Payment

If the company owes the **minimum** amount due for the 1998 RAF, please pay the following:

| Postmark Date | RAF Fee | Penalty | Interest | Total Due |
|---------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 02/99 | \$50.00 | \$2.50 | \$.50 | \$53.00 |
| 03/99 | \$50.00 | \$5.00 | \$1.00 | \$56.00 |
| 04/99 | \$50.00 | \$7.50 | \$1.50 | \$59.00 |
| 05/99 | \$50.00 | \$10.00 | \$2.00 | \$62.00 |
| 06/99 | \$50.00 | \$12.50 | \$2.50 | \$65.00 |
| 07/99 | \$50.00 | \$12.50 | \$3.00 | \$65.50 |
| 08/99 | \$50.00 | \$12.50 | \$3.50 | \$66.00 |
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| 11/99 | \$50.00 | \$12.50 | \$5.00 | \$67.50 |
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| 01/00 | \$50.00 | \$12.50 | \$6.00 | \$68.50 |
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| 05/00 | \$50.00 | \$12.50 | \$8.00 | \$70.50 |