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

FROM: DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ISLER) *Dij*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (K. PEÑA; B. KEATING) *KMP*

RE: DOCKET NO. 991613-TI - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE NO. 5323 ISSUED TO FINANCIAL INTRANET, INC. FOR VIOLATION OF RULES 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES, AND 25-24.480(2)(A) AND (B), F.A.C., RECORDS & REPORTS; RULES INCORPORATED.

AGENDA: 03/28/00 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\991613.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

- **02/17/98** - This company obtained Florida Public Service Commission IXC Certificate No. 5323.
- **12/10/98** - The Division of Administration mailed the regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice. In accordance with Florida Statute 350.113(4), the Commission "shall provide each regulated company with written notice of the date that payment of the fee is due at least 45 days prior to such date", which would put the due date to February 1, 1999.

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- **03/17/99** - The Division of Administration mailed a delinquent letter.
- **12/17/99** - Mr. Corey Rinker, representative of Financial Intranet, called staff and provided the Commission with the company's updated address and phone numbers. Mr. Rinker also advised that the past due amount would be paid and advised that a settlement offer would be proposed.
- **12/21/99** - At the Agenda Conference, the Commission voted to impose a \$1,000 fine (\$500 for each rule violation) or cancel the company's certificate. Later the same day, the Commission received the 1998 regulatory assessment fee, including accrued penalty and interest charges, and a settlement proposal.
- **01/10/00** - Order No. PSC-00-0073-PAA-TI was issued, which imposed a \$1,000 fine or canceled the company's certificate.
- **01/24/00** - The company paid the 1999 regulatory assessment fee and reported \$1,436.02 in revenues for the period ended December 31, 1999.

Staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission accept the settlement offer proposed by Financial Intranet, Inc. to resolve the apparent violation of Rules 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies, and 25-24.480(2)(a) and (b), F.A.C., Records & Reports; Rules Incorporated?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should accept the company's settlement proposal. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, the company's certificate should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: After the docket had been opened, but prior to an Order being issued, the company paid the past due amount in full, including statutory penalty and interest charges, offered a settlement in the amount of \$250, proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis, and proposed to notify the Commission within 10 days of a change of address and telephone number.

Accordingly, staff believes the terms of the settlement agreement as summarized in this recommendation should be accepted. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, the company's certificate should be canceled administratively.

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, if the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$250 contribution or cancellation of the certificate. (K. Peña; B. Keating)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$250 contribution or cancellation of the certificate.