

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

RE: DOCKET NO. 991402-TI - Initiation of show cause proceedings against U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. for unlawful billing practices in violation of Section 364.10(1) and Section 364.604(2), F.S.

Issue 1: Should the Commission order U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. to show cause why it should not be fined \$2,000 per violation for a total of \$538,000 or have Certificate Number 4836 canceled for apparent unlawful billing practices in violation of Section 364.10(1), Florida Statutes?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should order U.S. Republic to show cause in writing within 21 days of the issuance date of the order why it should not be fined \$2,000 per violation for a total of \$538,000 or have its certificate canceled for apparent unlawful billing practices in violation of Section 364.10(1), Florida Statutes. Any collected fine monies should be forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes.

**DEFERRED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

*To the 11/30/99 Commission  
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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If staff's recommendation in Issue 1 is approved, then U.S. Republic will have 21 days from issuance of the Commission's show cause order to respond in writing why it should not be fined in the amount proposed or have its certificate canceled. If U.S. Republic timely responds to the show cause order, this docket should remain open pending resolution of the show cause proceeding. If the fine is paid, it should be forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes, and this docket should be closed. Staff recommends that if U.S. Republic fails to respond to the Order to Show Cause, and the fine is not received within ten business days after expiration of the show cause response period, U.S. Republic's certificate should be canceled and this docket closed.