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Ms. Blanca Bayó  
Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Settlement

Re: Tallahassee Memorial Telephone Company ~ Docket No. 011129-TX  
Payment of Year 2000 RAF; Settlement Offer to Close Docket

Dear Ms. Bayó:

On August 22, 2001, the Florida Public Service Commission (“*FPSC*” or “*Commission*”) opened the above-referenced docket to cancel the Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate (No. 4717) issued to Tallahassee Memorial Telephone Company (“*TMTC*”) for failure to pay its 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (“*RAF*”) as required by Rule 25-4.0161. *TMTC* has yet to commence service and believed that the assessment of regulatory fees was based on the carrier’s telecommunications revenue. Because *TMTC* had no telecommunications revenue in Year 2000, it thought that no *RAF* was due. The company recently was informed that there is a minimum *RAF* of fifty dollars (\$50.00) imposed on *all* certificate holders. As a result, *TMTC* has taken steps to ensure that its applicable *RAF* will be paid in future years by appointing this firm to monitor the *FPSC*’s rules and compute and file all required regulatory fees.

*TMTC* wishes to retain its Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate and requests that the Commission close the docket to cancel its certificate. We understand that the Commission has assessed up to \$500 against carriers that have engaged in egregious and/or repeated violations of *FPSC* rules. The instant docket is the first ever opened against *TMTC*. We believe that an assessment of \$100 is more commensurate with the nature of the current situation and the fact that the Commission has never opened a docket against the company. If the Commission accepts the foregoing assessment, *TMTC* hereby waives objection to the administrative cancellation of the

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company's Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate in the event that TMTC fails to comply with the payment of the proposed \$100 amount.

On September 10, 2001, Tashir Lee spoke to Paula Isler of the FPSC to determine the RAF TMTC owes for Year 2000. Ms. Isler indicated that TMTC owes \$66.50 (\$50.00 minimum RAF, \$12.50 penalty, and \$4.00 interest). A check for that amount and the accompanying RAF return form is enclosed. Finally, assuming that you agree with the proposed assessment amount, we have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$100.00.

Should you have questions, please contact Tashir Lee at (202) 861-3983.

Sincerely,

Tallahassee Memorial Telephone Company

  
Dennis J. Galitano  
One of its Attorneys

Enclosures

cc: Paula J. Isler, FPSC  
Tashir J. Lee, Esq.