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Public Service Commission

July 9, 1999

Mr. David Wintersgill, General Counsel Cypress Telecommunications Corporation 11811 North Freeway, Suite 800 Houston, TX 77060

Dear Mr. Wintersgill:

This is a follow up to your letter dated June 14, 1999, and Ms. Kim Peña's telephone conversation of July 8 with your paralegal, Mr. Kairon McWinnie. You stated in your letter that the company does not believe it owes regulatory assessment fees of any kind because it had previously requested cancellation and never did business within Florida.

First of all, the only request for cancellation the Commission has received was your letter dated March 8, 1999. This was after Docket No. 981949-TX was opened to cancel the company's certificate for nonpayment of the regulatory assessment fees. And, secondly, even though Cypress may not have conducted business in Florida, the minimum regulatory assessment fees are still due.

If Cypress wants a voluntary cancellation, it must pay all past due regulatory assessment fees (RAFs), plus statutory penalty and interest charges. If the company's check is postmarked in July, it would owe \$78.00 for 1996 (\$50.00 RAF, \$12.50 penalty, and \$15.50 interest), \$71.50 for 1997 (\$50.00 RAF, \$12.50 penalty, and \$9.00 interest), and \$65.50 for 1998 (\$50.00 RAF, \$12.50 penalty, and 3.00 interest), for a grand total of \$215.00. The interest charges continue to accrue each month until paid.

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Please respond by July 23, 1999. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this, you may contact me at (850) 413-6502 or Ms. Peña at (850) 413-6393.

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Legal Services (K. Peña)

Division of Records and Reporting (Docket No. 981949-TX)