BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 3492 issued to GST Net, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 991512-TI
ORDER NO. PSC-00-0249-AS-TI
ISSUED: February 7, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON SUSAN F. CLARK E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT OFFER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 17, 1993, GST Net, Inc. (GST) obtained IXC Certificate No. 3492. On December 10, 1998, the Division of Administration mailed GST its regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice for 1998. Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, requires that each company be given at least 45 days, after receiving notice, to pay its RAF. Thus, GST's RAF was due on February 1, 1999. The fee was not received by the due date and on March 17, 1999, the Division of Administration mailed GST a delinquent letter.

After the docket was opened, but prior to filing a recommendation, on November 8, 1999, Ms. Elizabeth Ryherd called staff and advised the past due amount would be paid and a settlement proposed. On November 17, 1999, we received a check for the 1998 RAF, the penalty and interest charges. In addition, the company provided a check for \$100 as a settlement and proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis.

We believe the terms of the settlement agreement are acceptable. The contribution shall be sent to the Office of the

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Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that GST Net, Inc.'s settlement offer, set forth in the body of this Order, is approved. The contribution shall be sent to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>7th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2000</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

By:

Kay Flynn, Chief Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.