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MARCH 16, 2000

TO:

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYÓ)

FROM:

DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ISLER)

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (K. PEÑA; B. KEATING)

RE:

CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY

ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

DOCKET NO. 991962-TX - OPTEL (FLORIDA) TELECOM, INC.

D/B/A OPTEL

DOCKET NO. 991966-TX - OMNICALL, INC.

DOCKET NO. 991967-TX - NORTH AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CORPORATION D/B/A SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 991979-TX - PRE-CELL SOLUTIONS/FAMILY PHONE

SERVICE, INC.

DOCKET NO. 991991-TX - SOUTHNET TELECOMM SERVICES, INC. DOCKET NO. 992000-TX - PUSHBUTTON PAGING & COMMUNICATION,

DOCKET NO. 992002-TX - NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS CORP. DOCKET NO. 992003-TX - DIAL TONE, INC. D/B/A DIAL TONE

OF ALABAMA, INC.

AGENDA:

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

PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMU\WP\991962.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

The companies listed on page 4 were mailed the 1998 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF) Notice and payment was due by February 1, DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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1999. On March 17, 1999, the Division of Administration mailed a delinquent letter for the 1998 RAF.

After the dockets were opened, the companies listed on page 4 paid the past due amounts in full and offered to pay a \$100 settlement and proposed to pay future regulatory assessment fees on a timely basis.

Staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission accept the settlement offer proposed by each company listed on page 4 to resolve the apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should accept the companies' settlement proposals. 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 any of the companies listed on page 4 fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, that company's certificate should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: After the docket was opened, each company listed on page 4 contacted staff and paid the past due amounts in full. In addition, each company listed on page 4 offered a settlement in the amount of \$100 and proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis.

Accordingly, staff believes the terms of the settlement agreements 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 any of the companies listed on

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page 4 fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, that company's certificate should be canceled administratively.

ISSUE 2: Should these dockets be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, if the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the docket for each company listed on page 4 should be closed upon receipt of the \$100 contribution or cancellation of the certificate. (K. Peña; B. Keating)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, the docket for each company listed on page 4 should be closed upon receipt of the \$100 contribution or cancellation of the certificate.

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| DOCKET NO. | PROVIDER LAST REPORTED REVENUES & PERIOD COVERED | CERT. NO. | RAFs | P and I |
|------------|--|--------------|------|--------------|
| 991962-TX | OpTel \$80,754.47 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 4818 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 991966-TX | Omnicall, Inc. \$43,362.29 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5293 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 991967-TX | Southeast Telephone Company \$0 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5314 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 991979-TX | Pre-Cell Solutions \$137,663 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5265 | 1998 | 1997 1998 |
| 991991-TX | SouthNet Telecomm Services, Inc. \$0 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5710 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 992000-TX | Pushbutton Paging & Communication \$0 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5727 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 992002-TX | NewSouth Communications Corp. \$15,471.62 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5754 | 1998 | 1998 |
| 992003-TX | Dial Tone of Alabama, Inc. \$167,542.27 Revenues for Period Ended 12/31/99 | 5758 | 1998 | 1998 |