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Public Service Commission

September 1, 2000

Ms. Michelle Post, President
Network Utilization Services
PO Box 990-163
Boston, MA 02199

Re: Docket No. 001243-TI
Americom Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Network Utilization Services

Dear Ms. Post:

This is a follow up to our telephone conversation concerning the above docket. The regulatory assessment fee (RAF) is due each year by January 30 for the previous year, unless the 30th falls on a weekend, then the due date is the next working day. For example, the 1999 fee was due January 31, 2000.

Commission records show that as of this date, the 1999 RAF has not been paid. The 1999 RAF return is attached. Please complete and return it along with your check for the past due amount in full. The RAF is .0015% of your total Florida gross revenues, or \$50.00, whichever is greater. However, if you owe only the minimum amount, the 1999 total is \$66.50 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$4.00 interest). Our records also show that you have a penalty and interest balance in the amount of \$7.97 from prior years that needs to be paid. A breakdown is attached.

Since the Commissioners have not yet voted on this docket, you have three options.

- (1) Cancel the certificate voluntarily - Pay all past due charges in full, pay the current year's RAF or provide a date certain that it will be paid (such as 30 days from the date of the Commission Order cancelling your certificate), and write a letter requesting cancellation. A copy of our rule is attached.
- (2) Do nothing - In this case, your certificate will be cancelled on the Commission's own motion. All outstanding RAFs, including penalty and interest charges, will be turned over to the Comptroller's Office for collection.

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- (3) Propose a settlement - There is normally a \$1,000 fine imposed for this rule violation when it is a second offense. You need to write the Commission a settlement letter that must include the following:
- Docket number;
 - A check for the past due amount in full;
 - A statement explaining what caused the 1999 RAF not to be paid on time (as information, in Docket No. 981765-TI, you proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis and offered a \$100 settlement);
 - A statement advising what steps are being taken to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees; and
 - Make a specific monetary settlement.

Any settlement offer should be addressed to Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. The proposed settlement amount should **not** be paid at this time, instead only the past due regulatory assessment fee, plus penalty and interest charges should be paid. The settlement amount, if approved by the Commission, must be paid within 10 business days after the Commission Order is issued.

Please let me know what your decision is within 15 days from the date of this letter and if you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, and by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,



Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant
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Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 001243-TI
Division of Legal Services (Banks)

Americom Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Network Utilization Services (TI444)
Certificate No. 4401, Effective 03/20/96

Year	Fee	Penalty	Interest	Notes
1997	Paid	n/a	\$1.97	The company paid the fee, penalty, and \$11.06 of the \$13.03 interest on 03/26/99 (due 02/01/99).
1998	Paid	\$5.00	\$1.00	The company paid the fee on 03/26/99 (due 01/31/00), but not the penalty and interest.
Total	n/a	\$5.00	\$2.97	Total Past Due for Prior Years, NOT including 1999: \$7.97.