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Public Service Commission

September 20, 2000

Ms. Carole M. Colvin Southern Telecom Communications, Inc. P. O. Box 274122 Tampa, FL 33688-4122

Re: Docket No. 001102-TC

Dear Ms. Colvin:

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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 <u>minimum</u> amount and if your check is postmarked by September 30, 2000, the 1999 total is \$66.50 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$4.00 interest).

To resolve this docket, your company has 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.
 - 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. In addition, Rule 25-24.511(5), F.A.C., states that "Only one certificate per applicant will be granted. A new certificate will not be granted to any applicant who has previously had a certificate involuntarily

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cancelled." This means that if you choose this option, you could not reapply for a new certificate at a later date.

- (3) Propose a settlement There is normally a \$500 fine imposed for this rule violation. 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 that it has taken steps 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 by October 5, 2000. 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,

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Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 001102-TC Division of Legal Services (Elliott)