Commissioners: J. TERRY DEASON, CHAIRMAN E. LEON JACOBS, JR. LILA A. JABER BRAULIO L. BAEZ



DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES WALTER D'HAESELEER DIRECTOR (850) 413-6600

## Public Service Commission

November 17, 2000

Ms. Christy Conliff Executive Business Centers, Inc. 11465 John Creek Parkway, #300 Duluth, GA 30097-1572

Re: Docket No. 001283-TI Docket No. 001399-TS

Dear Ms. Conliff:

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SEC SER OTH This is a follow up to our telephone conversation concerning the above dockets. The regulatory assessment fee (RAF) is due for each certificate 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 returns are attached. Please complete and return them, 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 and if it is postmarked by November 26, 2000, the 1999 total is \$67.50 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$5.00 interest). If your check is postmarked between November 27 and December 26, 2000, the interest increases to \$5.50, or a total minimum amount of \$68.00.

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.
- On 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 for each docket There is normally a \$500 fine imposed for this rule violation for each docket. It should be noted that just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled. 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 what those steps are; 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 <u>not</u> 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 December 4, 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,

Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant

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Bureau of Service Evaluation & Compliance

### **Enclosures**

cc:

Docket No. 001283-TI Docket No. 001399-TS

Division of Legal Services (Dandelake; Elliott)

TO AVOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES, THE AGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON FORE 01/31/2000

Interexc age Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return

STATUS:	Florida Public Ser	vice Commission	FOR PSC USE ONLY Check#
Actual Return Estimated Return Amended Return  PERIOD COVERED: 01/01/1999 TO 12/31/1999	TJ008 Executive Business Centers, 11465 John Creek Parkway Duluth, GA 30097-1572		\$0603001 003001 \$P 0603001 004011 \$I Postmark Date Initials of Preparer
	Please Complete Below If Official	Mailing Address Has Changed	
(Name of Company)	(A	ddress)	(City/State) (Zip)
(see "2. Fees" on back)  8. TOTAL REVENUES For R  9. Regulatory Assessment Fee  10. Penalty for Late Payment (so  11. Interest for Late Payment (so  12. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE  * These amounts must be intrastate	Services  Telecommunications Companies*  egulatory Assessment Fee Calculation  Due (Multiply Line 8 by 0.0015)  e "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back  e "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back	TATUTES, THE MINIMUM	\$
Complete below if billing agent if other th	BILLING INF		
(Name) What is the total amount of customer depo	(Add	Amoun	(Telephone) the total amount of bond held (if applicable)? :: \$ Expires:
Do you lease telecommunications' facilities if YES, who do you lease these facilities f	s? () YES () NO rom? Name:		
is a true and correct statement. I am aware the	above-named company, have read the fore tat pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Stan- ther duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of	ites, whoever knowingly makes a fa	f my knowledge and belief the above information ilse statement in writing with the intent to mislead
(Signature of Company O	fficial)	(Title)	(Date)
(Preparer of Form - Pleas	e Print Name)	elephone Number () .E.I. No	Fax Number ( )

# SION Interest Company Istructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment (Interexchange Company)

1. WHEN TO FILE: For companies which owed a total of \$10,000 or more of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, thi Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.

For companies which owed a total of less than \$10,000 of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this Regulatory Assessmen Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

On or before January 30 for the twelve-month period January 1 through December 31.

However, if July 30 or January 30 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the Regulatory Assessment Fee may be filed or postmarked on the next business day, without penalty.

2. FEES: Each company shall pay 0.0015 of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business, as referenced in Rule 25 4.0161(1), F.A.C. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. Gross Intrastate Operating Revenues are defined as revenues from calls originating and terminating within Florida. Do not deduct any expenses, taxes, or uncollectibles from these amounts other than the amount in Line 7.

On Line 7, deduct any amounts paid to another telecommunications company for the use of any telecommunications network to provide service to its customers. <u>Do not deduct</u> any taxes, federal subscriber line charges, interstate long distance access charges, or amount paid for nonregulated services such as voice mail, inside wire maintenance, or equipment purchases/rentals. DEDUCTIONS MUST BE INTRASTATE ONLY AND MUST BE VERIFIABLE.

3. FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE: Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 10). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year (Line 11). A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be completed, signed, and filed even if there are no revenues to report or if the minimum amount is due

When a company fails to timely file a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return, the Commission has the authority to order the company to pay a penalty and/or cancel the company's certificate. The company will have an opportunity to respond to any proposed Commission action.

4. EXTENSION: A request for an extension of time up to 30 days may be made by filing the enclosed Request for Extension to File Regulatory Assessment Fee Return form (PSC/ADM-124), two weeks prior to the filing date. When an extension is granted, a charge shall be added to the amount due:

0.75% of the fee to be remitted for an extension of 15 days or less, or 1.5% of the fee for an extension of 16 to 30 days.

In lieu of paying the charges outlined above, a company may file a return and remit payment based upon estimated gross operating revenues. If such return is filed by the normal due date, the company shall be granted a 30-day extension period in which to file and remit the actual fee due without paying the above charges, provided the estimated fee payment remitted is at least 90% of the actual fee due for the period. An automatic 30-day extension to file an actual return may be obtained by checking the "Estimated Return" space in the top left-hand corner on the reverse side.

- 5. FEE ADJUSTMENTS: You will be notified as to the amount and reason for any fee adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed the Commission by reason of the adjustment. The company may file a written request for a refund of any overpayments. The request should be directed to Fiscal Services at the below-referenced address.
- 6. MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete this form, make a copy for your files, and return the original and in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Use of this envelope should assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment. Make your check payable to the Florida Public Service Commission.

  If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance as follows:

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ATTENTION: Fiscal Services

7. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE: If you need additional assistance in preparing your Regulatory Assessment Fee Return or regarding telecommunications facilities, please contact the Division of Competitive Services at (850) 413-6600. This division may be contacted at the above-referenced address, directing correspondence to the attention of the division.

to avoid penalty and interest charge: Shared-Te	en: Service Provider Regulatory Assessment	Fee Return	
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	Please Complete Below If Official Mailing Address Has Changed	Initials of Preparer	
(Name of Company)	(Address)	(City/State)	(Zip
LINE NO.	ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION	AMOU	NT_
1. Gross Intrastate Ope	erating Revenue	\$	
2. LESS: Amounts Pa	aid to Other Telecommunications Companies*		
(see "2. Fees" on ba	ack)		
3. Net Intrastate Opera	ating Revenue for Regulatory Assessment Fee		
Calculation (Line 1	less Line 2)		
4. Regulatory Assessm	ent Fee Due (Multiply Line 3 by 0.0015)		
5. Penalty For Late Pa	yment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)	<u> </u>	
6. Interest For Late Pa	syment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)		
7. TOTAL AMOUNT	DUE	\$	
	ntrastate only and must be verifiable.  SECTION 364.336, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MINIMUM	ANNUAL FEE IS \$50	
is a mue and correct statement. I am aware u	above-named company, have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of reat pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly makes a false official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.	my knowledge and belief the abore statement in writing with the in	ve information tent to misle
(Signature of Compa	ny Official) (Title)		(Date)

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) Fax Number (\_\_\_\_) (Preparer of Form - Please Print Name) F.E.I. No. \_\_\_\_\_ PSC/CMU-34 (Rev. 11/11/99)

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### 25-24.474 Cancellation of a Certificate.

- (1) The Commission may on its own motion cancel a company's certificate for any of the following reasons:
- (a) Violation of the terms and conditions under which the authority was originally granted;
- (b) Violation of Commission rule or order; or
- (c) Violation of Florida Statutes.
- (2) If a certificated company desires to cancel its certificate, it shall request cancellation from the Commission in writing and shall provide the following with its request.
- (a) Statement of intent and date to pay Regulatory Assessment Fee.
- (b) Statement of why the certificate is proposed to be cancelled.
- (c) A statement on treatment of customer deposits and final bills.
- (d) Proof of individual customer notice regarding discontinuance of service.
- (3) Cancellation of a certificate shall be ordered subject to the holder providing the information required by subsection (2).

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 350.127(1), 364.285, 364.337, 364.345 FS. History—New 2-23-87, Amended 3-13-96.

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- (a) Statement of intent and date to pay Regulatory Assessment Fee.
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- (c) Proof of individual customer notice regarding discontinuance of service.
- (d) Statement on treatment of customer deposits and final bills.

Specific Authority 350.127(2) FS. Law Implemented 350.113, 350.127(1), 364.285, 364.339, 364.345 FS. History--New 1-28-91, Amended 7-29-97.