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

# Public Service Commission

December 11, 2000

Ms. Monique Byrnes, Consultant Technologies Management, Inc. PO Drawer 200 Winter Park, FL 32790-0200

Docket No. 001228-TI Re: Call-4-Less

Dear Ms. Byrnes:

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 a check for the past due amount in full. The RAF is .0015% of the company's total Florida gross revenues, or \$50.00, whichever is greater. However, if the company owes only the minimum amount and if the check is postmarked by December 26, 2000, the 1999 total is \$68.00 (\$50.00 fee, \$12.50 penalty, and \$5.50 interest). If the check is postmarked between December 27, 2000 and January 25, 2001, the interest increases to \$6.00, or a total minimum amount of \$68.50. Our records also show that the company has a RAF balance from 1998 in the amount of \$22.49 that needs to be paid. A copy of the audit is attached.

The Commissioners voted on this docket at the 12/05 Agenda Conference to impose a \$500 fine for failure to pay the RAF or cancel the company's certificate. At this point, the company has three options.

Cancel the certificate voluntarily - Pay all past due charges in full, pay the (1) 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 the certificate), and write a letter requesting cancellation and reference the docket number. A copy of out rule is attached. DOCUM

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- (2) Do nothing In this case, the company's 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.
- (3) File a petition for a formal proceeding in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., copy attached. This petition must be filed with the Commission <u>after</u> the Order is issued and within the protest period. The Order is scheduled to be issued by December 26, 2000. Rule 28-106.201(2)(g) states that the petition must include "A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action." This means that you may wish to propose a settlement. If you propose a settlement, the petition 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, will become due after the Commissioners vote on this issue.

If you file a timely petition proposing a settlement, a new Agenda Conference date will be scheduled. At that time, the Commissioners will vote on whether or not to accept your settlement offer. An Order will then be issued and the company will have 10 business days from the date of the Order to pay the settlement.

Since I had received a call from Anna-Marie Galvez after our conversation advising that the RAF had been paid, I researched this company further and found that Docket No. 001460-TX was opened on September 25, 2000 for nonpayment of the RAF for this company's ALEC certificate. The company mailed its 1999 RAF payment for the ALEC certificate on 09/29/00. This means that the company would also need to make a settlement offer on the ALEC docket to keep its certificate active. The company has a \$1.42 balance for the interest charge (attached) which would need to be paid. Ms. Monique Byrnes, Consultant Page 3 December 11, 2000

Please let me know what your decision is on both dockets by December 26, 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,

Daula J. John

Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant Bureau of Service Evaluation & Compliance

Enclosures

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cc: Docket Nos. 001228-TI and 001460-TX Division of Legal Services (Dandelake; K. Peña)

### TO AVOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES. THE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE 01.31 2000 Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return

STATUS:	Florida Public Service Commission (See Filing Instructions on Each of Form)	FOR PSC USE O	ONLY
Actual Return Estimated Return Amended Return PERIOD COVERED: 01/01/99 TO 12/31/99	TI369 Call-4-Less 1801 S. Federal Hwy., Suite 305 Delray Beach, FL 33483-3334	SS S Postmark Date	
	Please Complete Below If Official Mailing Address Has Changed	Initials of Preparer	
(Name of Company)	(Address)	(Ciry/State)	(Zıp)
	FLORIDA		

<u>LINE NO.</u>	ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION	FLORIDA <u>GROSS OPERATING REVENUE</u>	INTRASTATE REVENUE
1.	Long Distance Services	s	S
2.	Access Services		
3.	Private Line Services		
4.	Leased Facilities & Circuits Services		
5.	Miscellaneous Services		
6.	TOTAL Telephone Services	\$	S
7.	LESS: Amounts Paid to Other Telecommunications Companies*		· · · · ·
	(see "2. Fees" on back)	()	()
8.	TOTAL REVENUES For Regulatory Assessment Fee Calculation		
9.	Regulatory Assessment Fee Due (Multiply Line 8 by 0.0015)		
10.	Penalty for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)		
11.	Interest for Late Payment (see "3. Failure to File by Due Date" on back)		
12.	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$

\* These amounts must be intrastate only and must be verifiable.

### AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 364.336, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE MINIMUM ANNUAL FEE IS \$59

( ) Facilitues-Based Carrier ( ) Reseller	CURRENT COMPANY STATUS ( ) Call Aggregator		
( ) Alternate-Operator Service ( ) Rebiller	( ) Other:		
Complete below if billing agent if other than yourself.	BILLING INFORMATION		
(Name) What is the total amount of customer deposits collected? Amount: \$ for 19	(Address: City/State/Zip)	( () What is the total amount of bond held (if Amount: \$ Expires:	
Do you lease telecommunications' facilities? () YES If YES, who do you lease these facilities from? Name:			
Address:			
I, the undersigned owner/officer of the above-named co is a true and correct statement. I am aware that pursuant to Sec a public servant in the performance of his/her duty shall be	tion 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly		
(Signature of Company Official)	T)	ide)	(Date)
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1. WHEN TO FILE: For companies which owed a total of \$10,000 or more of assessment fee for the preceding calendar year, this 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 Assessment 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 fails 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 amounts paid for nonregulated services such as voice mail, inside wire maintenance, or equipment purchases/rentals. DEDUCTIONS MUST BE <u>INTRASTATE ONLY</u> 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. <u>Make your check payable to the Florida Public Service Commission</u>. If you are unable to use the envelope, please address your remittance as follows:

Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

ATTENTION: Fiscal Services

7. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE: If you need additional assistance in preparing your Regulatory Assessment Fee Return, please contact the Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis at (850) 413-6480.

For assistance on telecommunications facilities, please contact the Division of Communications at (850) 413-6502.

Both divisions may be contacted at the above-referenced address, directing correspondence to the attention of the division.

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# **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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DATE:	NOVEMBER 23, 1999
<b>TO:</b>	DENISE VANDIVER, CHIEF OF AUDITING, TALLAHASSEE
VIA:	KATHY WELCH, REGULATORY ANALYST SUPERVISOR, MIAMI $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{W}$
FROM:	ILIANA PIEDRA, PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT SPECIALIST, MIAMI_TH $\mathcal P$
RE:	CALL-4-LESS, RAF COMPLIANCE
	AUDIT CONTROL NO. 99-146-4-1

The name on the 1998 Interexchange Company Regulatory Assessment Fee filing is ICLD and Intercontinental Communication Group, Inc. The name that appears on the tariff is Intercontinental Communications Group, Inc., d/b/a Fusion Telecom, and Call-4-Less.

The company reported \$195,220.91 of intrastate revenues on their Regulatory Assessment Fee Return. The intrastate revenues per the "Revenue Report for 1998" provided to staff are \$210,214.88. This represents a difference of \$14,993.97, or a total of \$22.49 underpayment by the company.

Revenues per the "Revenue Report for 1998" were agreed to the company's books.

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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.

### PART II HEARINGS INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT

### 28-106.201 Initiation of Proceedings.

(1) Unless otherwise provided by statute, initiation of proceedings shall be made by written petition to the agency responsible for rendering final agency action. The term "petition" includes any document that requests an evidentiary proceeding and asserts the existence of a disputed issue of material fact. Each petition shall be legible and on 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  by 11 inch white paper. Unless printed, the impression shall be on one side of the paper only and lines shall be double-spaced.

(2) All petitions filed under these rules shall contain:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

(3) Upon receipt of a petition involving disputed issues of material fact, the agency shall grant or deny the petition, and if granted shall, unless otherwise provided by law, refer the matter to the Division of Administrative Hearings with a request that an administrative law judge be assigned to conduct the hearing. The request shall be accompanied by a copy of the petition and a copy of the notice of agency action.

(4) A petition shall be dismissed if it is not in substantial compliance with subsection (2) of this rule or it has been untimely filed. Dismissal of a petition shall, at least once, be without prejudice to petitioner's filing a timely amended petition curing the defect, unless it conclusively appears from the face of the petition that the defect cannot be cured.

(5) The agency shall promptly give written notice to all parties of the action taken on the petition, shall state with particularity its reasons if the petition is not granted, and shall state the deadline for filing an amended petition if applicable.

Specific Authority 120.54(3), (5) FS. Law Implemented 120.54(5), 120.569, 120.57 FS. History-New 4-1-97, Amended 9-17-98.

# RAF ACCOUNT

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#### Intercontinental Communications Group, Inc. (TX270)

Period Covered Service: Due Date: Postmark Date: Satisfied:	:01/01/1999-12/31/1999 ALX 01/31/2000 09/29/2000 No	Actual Return: Received RAF Form: Payment Plan: Extension: RAF Rate:	Yes Yes No No 0.0015	Operating Revenue: Interstate Revenue: Net RAF Due: Refund Issued: Fine Paid:	\$94,695.66 \$0.00 \$142.04 \$0.00 \$0.00
DESCRI	PTION	AMOUNT DUE		AMOUNT PAID	AMOUNT OWED
raf		\$142.04		\$142.04	\$0.00
Penalty		\$35.51		\$35.51	\$0.00
Interest		\$12.78		\$11.36	\$1.42
Extension Fee		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Additional Payr	aent	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total		\$190.33		\$188.91	\$1.42