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

# Public Service Commission

June 14, 2001

Ms. Inge Jermolowica, Owner I P P S of Orlando, Inc. 2632 Pemberton Drive, Suite 102 Apopka, FL 32703-9447

Dear Ms. Jermolowicz:

According to Commission records, the company's check for the 2000 Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF), including statutory penalty and interest charges, was returned by your bank for insufficient funds. During my April 25 telephone conversation with your niece, Dawn Jermolowicz, she indicated that you wanted to keep the pay telephone certificate active.

If this is the case, the company must pay the past due balance in full, plus the \$15 returned check charge. A breakdown of the charges is attached. In addition, the company must submit a settlement proposal. Directions for proposing a settlement is also enclosed.

It is my intention to file a recommendation to fine I P P S of Orlando, Inc. \$500 for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, if the payment and settlement proposal are not received by June 29, 2001.

If you have any questions, just let me know. I can be reached at (850) 413-6502-voice, (850) 413-6503-fax, by internet e-mail at pisler@psc.state.fl.us, or at the address below.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Islen

Paula J. Isler, Research Assistant Bureau of Service Quality

Enclosures

cc: Docket No. 010457-TC Division of Legal Services (K. Peña) PSC-RECCRDS/REPORTING

#### I P P S of Orlando, Inc. (TF489) Certificate No. 4323, Effective 11/23/95 Docket No. 010457-TC

Year	Fee	Penalty	Interest	Notes
1996	Paid	\$2.00	\$1.00	Payment was due 01/30/97. Company paid the \$50 minimum RAF, plus \$3 of the \$5 penalty, but none of the interest, on 03/14/97, leaving a \$3 balance.
1997	Paid	\$2.50	\$0.50	Payment was due 01/30/98. Company paid the \$50 minimum RAF, but none of the penalty and interest charges, leaving a balance of \$3.
1998	N/A	\$7.50	\$1.50	Payment was due 02/01/99. Company paid the \$50 minimum RAF, but none of the penalty and interest charges, leaving a balance of \$9.
2000	\$50.00 plus \$15.00 Returned check charge	\$12.50	\$2.50	Payment was due 01/30/01, and remains unpaid as of 06/14/01. The amount shown to the left is the amount due IF payment is postmarked by 06/29/01. If payment is postmarked between 06/30/01 and 07/29/01, the interest increases to \$3.00, for a 2000 total of \$80.50.
Total	\$65.00	\$24.50	\$5.50	Total if payment is postmarked by 06/29/01: \$95.00. Total if payment is postmarked between 06/30/01 and 07/29/01: \$95.50.

## CANCELLATION OF THE CERTIFICATE

- <u>Voluntary Cancellation</u> In order to be granted a voluntary cancellation, the company must: 1) write a letter requesting cancellation of the certificate and explain why (such as no longer in the payphone business); 2) pay all past due charges in full; and 3) pay the 2001 Regulatory Assessment Fee (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).
- Involuntary Cancellation If the company does nothing to resolve this docket, the 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 cancelled." This means that if the company chooses this option, it could not reapply for a new certificate at a later date.

## TO KEEP THE CERTIFICATE ACTIVE

- Pay the past due RAF amount in full, including statutory penalty and interest charges, plus the fine imposed, after the Order is issued and the certificate will remain active. Just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled.
- Propose a settlement All settlements must include the following elements:
  - 1) Docket number;
  - 2) A check for the past due amount in full. It should be noted that just paying the past due amount will not prevent your certificate from being cancelled;
  - 3) A statement that the company has taken steps to prevent future late payments of the regulatory assessment fees and what those steps are;
  - 4) A waiver of objection, which should state: The company agrees to waive any objection to the administrative cancellation of its certificate should it fail to pay in accordance with its settlement offer. If, however, there is a factual dispute as to the manner or level of compliance with any provision in the settlement, Commission staff will bring the matter to the Commission for consideration; and
  - 5) Make a specific monetary settlement.

Any settlement offer/correspondence 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.