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# Public Service Commission

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## -M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

**DATE:** JANUARY 6, 2000

**TO:** DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

**FROM:** DIVISION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (ISLER) *Pij* *KA*  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (K. PEÑA; B. KEATING) *KMY* *Ducforok*

**RE:** DOCKET NO. 991329-TC - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE NO. 5908 ISSUED TO SOUTH LINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

**AGENDA:** 01/18/00 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

**CRITICAL DATES:** NONE

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** NONE

**FILE NAME AND LOCATION:** S:\PSC\CMU\WP\991329.RCM

### CASE BACKGROUND

- **09/15/98** - This company obtained PATS Certificate No. 5908.
- **12/10/98** - The Division of Administration mailed the regulatory assessment fee (RAF) notice. In accordance with Florida Statute 350.113(4), the Commission "shall provide each regulated company with written notice of the date that payment of the fee is due at least 45 days prior to such date", which would put the due date to February 1, 1999.
- **03/17/99** - The Division of Administration mailed a delinquent letter.

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- **11/16/99** - At the Agenda Conference on this date, the Commission approved staff's recommendation to fine the company \$500 or cancel its certificate.
- **11/17/99** - The Commission received the company's check for the past due amount, including statutory penalty and interest charges, and a proposal to pay a \$100 settlement. The company advised it had taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future.
- **12/08/99** - Order No. PSC-99-2418-PAA-TC was issued, which imposed a \$500 fine or canceled the company's certificate.

Staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

**DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

**ISSUE 1:** Should the Commission accept the settlement offer proposed by South Line Telephone Company, Inc. to resolve the apparent violation of Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, the company's certificate should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** After the November 16 Agenda Conference, but prior to the Order being issued, the company paid the past due balance in full, including statutory penalty and interest charges, and proposed to pay a \$100 settlement and advised it had taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future.

Accordingly, staff believes the terms of the settlement agreement as summarized in this recommendation should be accepted. Any contribution should be received by the Commission within ten business days from the date of the Commission Order and should identify the docket number and company name. The Commission should forward the contribution to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of the Commission Order, the company's certificate should be canceled administratively.

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**ISSUE 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**RECOMMENDATION:** Yes, if the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$100 contribution or cancellation of the certificate. (K. Peña; B. Keating)

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** .If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$100 contribution or cancellation of the certificate.