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FROM: DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES (ISLER) *PIJ*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (ELLIOTT) *JAE c.f.t.*

RE: DOCKET NO. 000959-TC - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE NO. 4267 ISSUED TO NUTREND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

AGENDA: 01/02/01 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMP\WP\000959.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

- **09/28/95** - This company obtained Florida Public Service Commission Pay Telephone Certificate No. 4267.
- **12/08/99** - The Division of Administration mailed the 1999 RAF notice. The due date was January 31, 2000.
- **02/29/00** - The Division of Administration mailed a delinquent notice.
- **09/25/00** - Order No. PSC-00-1708-PAA-TC was issued, which imposed a \$500 fine or cancelled the company's certificate. The company had until October 16 to protest the Order.

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- **10/13/00** - The Commission received the company's payment for the outstanding amount, including all except \$0.50 of the statutory penalty and interest charges. The company reported no revenues for the period ended December 31, 1999. In addition, the company proposed a settlement.

The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336 and 364.285, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, staff believes the following recommendations are appropriate.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

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

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should accept the company's settlement proposal, which includes the \$0.50 interest charge. 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, Certificate No. 4267 should be canceled administratively. (Isler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: After Order No. PSC-00-1708-PAA-TC was issued, the Commission received the company's payment for the outstanding regulatory assessment fee, including statutory penalty and interest charges, and a letter from the company which offers to pay a \$200 contribution. The company paid all but \$0.50 of the statutory interest charge and agreed to pay that balance when the \$200 contribution is paid. In addition, the company proposes to pay future RAFs on a timely basis. This settlement amount is consistent with amounts the Commission has accepted for recent, similar violations.

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, Certificate No. 4267 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 \$200.50 contribution or cancellation of the certificate. (Elliott)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves staff's recommendation in Issue 1, this docket should be closed upon receipt of the \$200.50 contribution or cancellation of the certificate.