## **ProNet Communications, Inc.**

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All Commissioners Florida Public Service Commission Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: ProNet Communication, Inc. Docket No. 090077-TI Order NO. PSC-09-0290-PAA-TI Issued: May 1, 2009 <u>This Filing is in Protest of the above stated Order.</u>

To the Honorable Commissioners:

We protest the above captioned order for the following reasons as the Company's interests are substantially affected. An involuntary cancellation negatively affects the good name of our company as well as affecting the Company financially. This seems to be a misunderstanding with the Commission and an error on our part.

ProNet sent the annual 2008 Regulatory Assessment Form and Fee postmarked January 31, 2009, as required during the required timeframe. We should not be assessed penalties for 2008. It has come to our attention from Mr. Victor McKay that the Commission posted our RAF in April. The above captioned order states that we had not filed and paid our 2008 RAF. This appears to be a misunderstanding.

On February 9, 2009 ProNet requested cancellation of the company's tariff. At that time, according to our records we were in complete compliance with Section 364.336 Florida Statutes, regarding the RAF. But with regard to tariff cancellation we later came to understand that such a request was required by January 15, 2009. Although we readily recognize that ignorance of regulation does not excuse compliance, we ask the Commission for leniency regarding this late filing of 25 days. We request leniency regarding this error of ours for the following reason.

The Company had paid the proper fee for 2008. ProNet has had less than \$400 per year in 2008 and 2007 in Florida RAF revenues. We have found the \$700 fee to be unnecessarily high for a small long distance company to pay. The RAF fee is the reason that we quit doing business in Florida. We had requested cancellation of our tariff because the RAF was more than our gross proceeds, let alone profit in Florida. Therefore, to be asked to pay the RAF for 2009 seems an undue, disproportionate hardship on our company when compared to the lateness of filing 25 days.

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The Commission, now knowing that we had paid our RAF for 2008 in a timely manner and made our request for voluntary cancellation only 25 days late, hopefully may see our good faith efforts to comply with the Commission's regulations. For this reason we ask the Commission for leniency regarding the filing of our February 9, 2008 letter and to waive the RAF fee for 2009. We request a voluntary cancellation effective December 31, 2009 as we requested in our letter of February 9, 2009. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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