## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 4441 issued to Corporate Services Telcom, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 001245-TI ORDER NO. PSC-01-1938-FOF-TI ISSUED: September 26, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

## ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 25, 2000, this docket was established for the nonpayment of the 1999 RAF, plus statutory penalty and interest charges for the years 1998 and 1999. After this docket was opened, our staff became aware that Corporate Services Telecom, Inc. had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Corporate Services Telecom, Inc. has not paid the 1999 RAF nor the statutory penalty and interest charges for the years 1998 and 1999. In addition, the company's attorney advised staff that the 2000 RAF would be paid. The company subsequently paid a portion of the 2000 RAF, but left a balance, including statutory penalty and interest charges.

Chapter 11 of Section 109 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code provides for reorganization by business entities. The filing of a bankruptcy petition under Chapter 11 invokes an automatic injunction known as the Automatic Stay, codified in Bankruptcy Code

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Section 362. Section 362(b)(5) provides that, for governments, the filing of the petition does not operate as a stay "of the enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an actual proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power." (emphasis added) Thus, it would appear that we are not enjoined from exercising our police powers to protect public health, safety and welfare, but are enjoined from exercising our regulatory authority seeking to collect a debt or engage in other economic regulation. It appears clear, however, that regulatory fees and penalties already accrued by the company are not extinguished by a Chapter 11 proceeding. If the company emerges from Chapter 11, the State could, at that time, again, pursue collection.

We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.285 and 364.337, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the past due RAFs shall not be sent to the Comptroller's office for collection and permission to write off the uncollectible amount shall be requested.

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>26th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2001.

BLANCA<sup>l</sup> S. BAYÓ, Director

Division of the Commission Clerk

and Administrative Services

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## NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal Division of the Commission Clerk Director, Administrative Services and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.