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RE: TD-2000-628

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of a **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Request of Paul V.)
Slatinsky, for Cancellation of the)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide)
Private Pay Telephone Service Within the)
State of Missouri.)

Case No. TD-2000-628

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, which is labeled Appendix A, the Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission issue an order to cancel Paul V. Slatinsky's certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service and that the Commission take no action regarding Mr. Slatinsky's failure to file an application to transfer his assets.

2. The Commission's authority to cancel the certificate is pursuant to Section 386.250 RSMo. 1994.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends cancellation of Mr. Slatinsky's certificate of service and that the Commission take no action regarding the failure to file an application to transfer assets.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

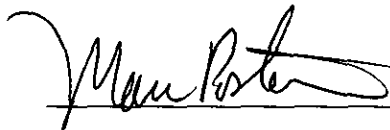


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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 24th day of May, 2000.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. TD-2000-628
Paul V. Slatinsky

FROM: Sherri Murphy *sm BN*
Telecommunications Department

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COMMISSION COUNSEL
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

[Signature] 5/24/00 *Mar Post* 5.24.00
Utility Operations Division/Date General Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation in Response to Order
Directing Staff Investigation

DATE: May 24, 2000

On April 6, 2000, Paul V. Slatinsky sent a letter to the Commission requesting cancellation of his certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service. The certificate was granted to Mr. Slatinsky as an individual doing business under his own name in Case No. TA-96-387. According to Mr. Slatinsky's letter, he sold his business in August of 1999 and therefore believes that he does not owe any assessment. Mr. Slatinsky sold his payphones to Wavelength, a payphone provider certificated in Case No. TA-98-245.

On April 24, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff Investigation. The Order directs Staff to investigate and file a report and recommendation no later than May 24, 2000, concerning Mr. Slatinsky's request to cancel his certificate, his request to waive assessments, and the purported transfer of his facilities.

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) contacted the Internal Accounting Department and was advised that Mr. Slatinsky's delinquent assessment payment has been waived. A copy of a memorandum from Helen Davis is attached to this recommendation. According to Ms. Davis, Mr. Slatinsky has been advised that the assessment was waived. Although Mr. Slatinsky sold telecommunications assets without having first secured Commission authority to do so, the Staff believes that it would serve little purpose to require him to file an application seeking approval retroactive to the transaction, especially since Mr. Slatinsky has ceased to provide payphone service in Missouri and has requested cancellation of his certificate of service authority. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order to cancel Mr. Slatinsky's certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service and take no action regarding his failure to file an application to transfer his assets.

Memo

To: Sherri Murphy
From: Helen Davis *HD*
CC: Donna M. Kolilis, Dan Redel
Date: 04/28/00
Re: FY-2000 Assessment

The Internal Accounting Department has waived the delinquent FY-2000 assessment payment for Paul V. Slatinsky. Mr. Slatinsky has requested cancellation of his certificate of authority to provide pay telephone service within the State of Missouri. Mr. Slatinsky has stated that he sold the pay phone business in August of 1999. In keeping with a standard of procedure maintained by the Commission, when a company ceases operation of their business during the year, the assessment is pro-rated. Mr. Slatinsky has paid the first of the quarterly installment payments of the FY-2000 assessment, and has therefore met his FY-2000 assessment obligation.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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May 24, 2000**

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