## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request by Phoenix Network, Inc./Phoenix Network, Inc. d/b/a Office Depot Communications for approval of acquisition of all assets and liabilities of Tele-Trend Communications, Inc. and cancellation of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 3482 ) DOCKET NO. 961545-TI ) ORDER NO. PSC-97-0169-FOF-TI ) ISSUED: February 13, 1997

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman SUSAN F. CLARK J. TERRY DEASON JOE GARCIA DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING ACQUISITION AND CANCELLING
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, a person may not acquire ownership or control of any telecommunications facility, or any extension thereof for the purpose of providing telecommunications services to the public, including the acquisition, transfer, or assignment of majority organizational control or controlling stock ownership, without prior approval from this Commission.

By letter dated December 31, 1996, Phoenix Network, Inc./Phoenix Network, Inc. d/b/a Office Depot Communications (Phoenix) has requested the approval of acquisition of all assets and liabilities of Tele-Trend Communications, Inc. (Tele-Trend) by Phoenix and the cancellation of Tele-Trend's Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate Number 3482.

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Tele-Trend and Phoenix have stated that Tele-Trend subscribers will continue to be billed by Phoenix under the same rates, terms and conditions for which they currently subscribe. The acquisition is in the public interest because there will be no impairment or interruption of service to Florida subscribers. Tele-Trend's subscribers have been notified of the acquisition in writing by direct mail.

Upon consideration of the above, it appears that it is in the public interest to approve Phoenix's acquisition of all assets and liabilities of Tele-Trend and cancel Tele-Trend's interexchange telecommunications Certificate Number 3482.

Tele-Trend shall return its interexchange telecommunications Certificate Number 3482 to this Commission. In addition, under Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate holders must pay a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee of \$50 if the certificate was active during any portion of the calendar year. A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return notice will be mailed to Tele-Trend; however, neither the cancellation of its certificate nor the failure to receive a Regulatory Assessment Fee Return notice shall relieve Tele-Trend from its obligation to pay due and owing regulatory assessment fees.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request by Phoenix Network, Inc./Phoenix Network, Inc. d/b/a Office Depot Communications for the acquisition of all assets and liabilities of Tele-Trend Communications, Inc. by Phoenix Network, Inc./Phoenix Network, Inc. d/b/a Office Depot Communications is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that Tele-Trend Communications, Inc.'s Certificate Number 3482 to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby cancelled. It is further

ORDERED that Tele-Trend Communications, Inc. shall return its interexchange telecommunications Certificate Number 3482 to this Commission and remit all due and owing regulatory assessment fees. It is further

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ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>13th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>1997</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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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.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by

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Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on March 6, 1997

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party substantially affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting 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 of the effective date 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.