BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for assignment of and name change on Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5345 from Knology of Panama City, Inc. to Knology of Florida, Inc.

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DOCKET NO. 980680-TX ORDER NO. PSC-98-0941-FOF-TX ISSUED: July 13, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON SUSAN F. CLARK JOE GARCIA E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF AND NAME CHANGE ON ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE 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.

By letter dated May 21, 1998, Knology of Panama City, Inc. (Knology of Panama City) and Knology of Florida, Inc. (Knology of Florida) filed with this Commission a joint request for assignment of and name change on Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications (ALEC) Certificate No. 5345 from Knology of Panama City to Knology of Florida.

Knology of Panama City and Knology of Florida have complied with Rule 25-24.815, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the assignment of ALEC certificates. We find the assignment to be in

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the public interest and, therefore, approve the assignment. ALEC Certificate No. 5345 shall be amended to reflect that Knology of Florida is the holder of this certificate.

If this Order becomes final and effective, it shall serve as Knology of Florida's certificate. It should, therefore, be retained by Knology of Florida as proof of certification and as evidence of the name change.

ALECs are subject to Chapter 25-24, Florida Administrative Code, Part XV, Rules Governing Telecommunications Service Provided by Alternative Local Exchange Companies. ALECs are also required to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-4, Florida Administrative Code.

In addition, Section 364.337(2), Florida Statutes, requires ALECs which provide basic local telecommunications service to provide access to 911 services. This Commission has no rules specifying the 911 services that either an incumbent local exchange company (ILEC) or an ALEC must provide; however, 911 service that is inferior to that provided by the ILEC would clearly not be in the public interest. Accordingly, we find that Section 364.337(2), Florida Statutes, requires ALECs which provide basic local telecommunications services to provide at least the same level of 911 services as that provided by the ILEC serving the same area.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request for assignment of and name change on Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5345 from Knology of Panama City, Inc. to Knology of Florida, Inc., is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5345 shall be amended to reflect that Knology of Florida, Inc., is the holder of this certificate. It is further

ORDERED that Knology of Florida, Inc.'s Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5345 is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order will serve as Knology of Florida, Inc.'s certificate and that this Order should be retained as proof of certification and as evidence of the name change. It is further

ORDERED that each alternative local exchange company which provides basic local telecommunications services shall provide at least the same level of 911 services as that provided by the incumbent local exchange company serving the same area. It is further

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 13th day of July, 1998.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Directod 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.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 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 <u>August 3, 1998</u>.

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.

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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.