#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 4430 issued to World-Link, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 981757-TI
ORDER NO. PSC-99-1135-AS-TI
ISSUED: June 7, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

### ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

World-Link, Inc. (World-Link) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4430, issued by the Commission on June 13, 1996, authorizing the provision of interexchange telecommunications service.

Under Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate holders must pay a minimum annual RAF of \$50 if the certificate was active during any portion of the calendar year. Pursuant to Rule 25-4.0161(2), Florida Administrative Code, the form and applicable fees are due to the Florida Public Service Commission by January 30 of the subsequent year. All entities that apply for interexchange telecommunications certification receive a copy of our rules

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governing interexchange telecommunications service and an affidavit in which the applicants attest that the rules have been received and understood by the applicant. This affidavit must be attached to the application in order for the application to be processed.

The Division of Administration advised our staff by memorandum that World-Link had not paid the regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, for the year 1997, nor statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 1997.

The RAF notice was mailed by certified mail to World-Link for the period of January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997. We received the return receipt from the United States Postal Service which showed the RAF notice was signed for and delivered on December 17, 1997.

On March 4, 1999, we issued Proposed Agency Action Order No. PSC-99-0442-FOF-TI, which preliminarily imposed a \$500 fine and required payment of the fine and past due amount by April 1, 1999, or required cancellation of IXC Certificate No. 4430. World-Link, Inc.'s Director of Finance called our staff and advised that the company wanted to keep its certificate, had already paid the past due amount, and would make a settlement offer. Our staff received a letter from World-Link, dated March 25, 1999, which proposed a \$100 settlement. Our Division of Administration's records reflect that the company has now paid the 1996, 1997, and 1998 regulatory assessment fees, including statutory penalty and interest charges.

We believe that the terms of the settlement offer represent a fair and reasonable resolution of this matter. Accordingly, we hereby accept the settlement offer. World-Link must comply with these requirements within ten business days from the date this Order becomes final. The \$100 contribution will be forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. Upon remittance of the contribution, this docket shall be closed.

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If the company fails to pay in accordance with the terms of its settlement offer, the company's certificate shall be canceled administratively with an effective date of December 31, 1998.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that World-Link, Inc.'s settlement offer, dated March 25, 1999, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending receipt of the \$100 contribution. The contribution will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that, upon receipt of the \$100 contribution, this docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that, if World-Link, Inc. fails to pay the \$100 contribution within ten business days from the date this Order becomes final, the company's certificate shall be canceled administratively with an effective date of December 31, 1998.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th day of <u>June</u>, 1999.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records and Reporting

Bv:

Kay Flynn, Chief Bureau of Records

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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 Records and Reporting, 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 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. 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.

## MEMORANDUM

June 7, 1999

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FROM:

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RE:

DOCKET NO. 981757-TI - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE NO. 4430 ISSUED TO WORLD-LINK, INC. FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY

ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

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Attached is an <a href="ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT">ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT</a>, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 4)

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cc: Division of Communications

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