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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for cancellation of PATS
Certificate No. 7849 by Advantage Group of
Florida Communications, L.L.C., effective
March 3, 2008.

DOCKET NO. 080130-TC

In re: Request for cancellation of PATS
Certificate No. 2358 by Telaleasing
Enterprises, Inc., effective March 3, 2008.

DOCKET NO. 080207-TC
ORDER NO. PSC-08-0753-PAA-TC
ISSUED: November 13, 2008

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MATTHEW M. CARTER II, Chairman
LISA POLAK EDGAR
KATRINA J. MCMURRIAN
NANCY ARGENZIANO
NATHAN A. SKOP

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER
CANCELLING PAY TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFICATE
ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

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.

Advantage Group of Florida Communications, L.L.C. and Telaleasing Enterprises, Inc. currently hold Certificate Nos. 7849 and 2358, respectively, authorizing the provision of pay telephone service (PATS). Pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, pay telephone companies must pay a minimum annual Regulatory Assessment Fee 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. Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the Regulatory Assessment Fee return forms, for the period of January 1 through December 31, are mailed to entities at least 45 days prior to the date that payment of the fee is due. In addition, Rule 25-24.514, Florida Administrative Code, provides that a pay telephone company requesting cancellation of its certificate must state its intent and date to pay the current Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF).

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This Commission received letters from both companies requesting cancellation of their respective PATS certificates because they were no longer in the payphone business. Our staff contacted both companies and explained that the 2007 and 2008 RAFs needed to be paid, along with the statutory late payment charges, to be granted a voluntary cancellation. The 2007 and 2008 RAFs, along with statutory late payment charges, remain unpaid.

For the reasons described above, we deny Advantage Group of Florida Communications, L.L.C. and Telaleasing Enterprises, Inc.'s requests for voluntary cancellation of their respective PATS certificates. However, we find it appropriate to involuntarily cancel the pay telephone certificates, effective March 3, 2008, on this Commission's own motion for failure to comply with Rule 25-24.514, Florida Administrative Code, and pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes.

The cancellation of the PATS certificates in no way diminishes each entity's obligation to pay the applicable RAFs, including any accrued late payment charges. If this Order is not protested, each entity's respective PATS certificates shall be cancelled, effective March 3, 2008. If an entity pays the RAFs, including accrued late payment charges, prior to the expiration of the Proposed Agency Action Order, then the cancellation of that entity's PATS certificate shall be voluntary. If an entity fails to protest the Order or pay the RAFs, including accrued late payment charges, prior to the expiration of the Proposed Agency Action Order, then that entity's PATS certificate shall be cancelled administratively, and the collection of the unpaid fees shall be referred to the Florida Department of Financial Services for further collection efforts. If each entity's PATS certificate is cancelled in accordance with this Order, that entity shall be required to immediately cease and desist providing pay telephone service in Florida. These dockets shall be closed administratively either upon receipt of the payment of the RAFs, including accrued late payment charges, or upon cancellation of each entity's respective PATS certificate. If an entity's PATS certificate is cancelled on this Commission's own motion and either entity subsequently decides to reapply for a telecommunications certificate, that entity shall be required to first pay any outstanding fees, including any accrued statutory late payment charges. We are vested with jurisdiction over these matters pursuant to Sections 350.113, 364.336, 364.3375, and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that pursuant to Rule 25-24.514, Florida Administrative Code, Advantage Group of Florida Communications, L.L.C. and Telaleasing Enterprises, Inc.'s respective PATS Certificate Nos. 7849 and 2358 are hereby cancelled effective March 3, 2008, on this Commission's own motion for failure to pay the 2007 and 2008 Regulatory Assessment Fees, including accrued late payment charges, pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of each entity's respective certificate in no way diminishes Advantage Group of Florida Communications, L.L.C. and Telaleasing Enterprises, Inc.'s obligation to pay the applicable Regulatory Assessment Fees, including any accrued late payment charges. If Advantage Group of Florida Communications, L.L.C. and Telaleasing Enterprises, Inc.'s respective PATS certificates are cancelled and an entity subsequently decides