

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Compliance investigation of local exchange Certificate No. 8968, issued to Open Infra East Inc., for apparent second-time violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 20260058-TX  
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0134-PAA-TX  
ISSUED: May 7, 2026

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER  
IMPOSING PENALTIES AND COLLECTION COSTS, AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF  
DELINQUENT REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES AND ANY ACCRUED STATUTORY LATE  
PAYMENT CHARGES, OR CANCELLING COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER  
CERTIFICATES FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 364.336, FLORIDA STATUTES,  
AND RULE 25-4.0161, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission (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 (F.A.C.).

Rule 25-4.0161(11) and (12), F.A.C., provides that telecommunications companies that fail to pay the Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAF), including any accrued statutory late payment charges, within 20 days after receiving a delinquent notice, shall be automatically penalized \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for a third offense. The penalty amounts include collection costs. If an entity fails to pay the penalty amount and the RAF in full, along with any accrued statutory late payment charges, that entity's local exchange telecommunication certificate shall be cancelled.

Pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes (F.S.), telecommunication certificate holders must pay a minimum annual RAF if the certificate was active during any portion of the calendar year. Pursuant to Rule 25-4.0161(3), F.A.C., the appropriate RAF return form and applicable fees are due to the Florida Public Service Commission by January 30th of the subsequent year. Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), F.S., the RAF 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.

Our Division of Administrative and Information Technology Services advised that the entity listed below failed to comply with Section 364.336, F.S., and Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C. The entity in the below table has not paid the 2025 RAF, the accrued statutory late payment charges, nor the \$1,000 penalty and collection costs.

<u>ENTITY'S NAME</u>	<u>CO. CODE</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>
Open Infra East Inc.	TY203	20260058-TX

Accordingly, we hereby find it appropriate to cancel Open Infra East Inc.'s local exchange certificate for failure to comply with Section 364.336, F.S., and Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., unless the entity pays a \$1,000 penalty, and remits any past due RAF, along with any accrued statutory late payment charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission, prior to issuing a Consummating Order for this Proposed Agency Action Order (Order).

We are vested with jurisdiction over these matters pursuant to Sections 350.113, 364.336, and 364.285, F.S.

If it pays the \$1,000 penalty, and remits any past due RAF, along with any accrued statutory late payment charges, prior to issuing a Consummating Order for this Proposed Agency Action Order, then Open Infra East Inc.'s respective certificate will remain active.

If an entity (1) fails to protest this Order and (2) fails to pay the \$1,000 penalty, and fails to remit any past due RAF, along with any accrued statutory late payment charges, prior to our issuing a Consummating Order for this Proposed Agency Action Order, then that entity's certificate shall be cancelled administratively, and the collection of any past due RAF shall be referred to the Florida Department of Financial Services for further collection efforts.

If an entity's certificate is cancelled in accordance with this Commission's Order, that entity shall immediately cease and desist providing local exchange telecommunication service in Florida.

Open Infra East Inc.'s docket shall be closed administratively either upon receipt of the payment of the \$1,000 penalty, and any past due RAF, along with any accrued statutory late payment charges, or upon cancellation of its certificate.

If an entity's certificate is cancelled in accordance with this Order and it subsequently decides to reapply as a telecommunications provider, that entity shall be required to first pay the \$1,000 penalty and any past due RAF, including any accrued statutory late payment charges.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, by the end of the protest period listed in this Order, the entity listed herein shall pay a \$1,000 penalty, and any past due RAF, including any accrued statutory late payment charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission for failure to comply with Section 364.336, F.S., and Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C.. It is further

ORDERED that the cost of collection will be subtracted from any monies collected as payments (full or partial) of the penalty. These collection costs will be deposited, along with the past due RAF, in the Florida Public Service Commission Regulatory Trust Fund, pursuant to

Section 350.113, F.S. The accrued statutory late payment charges and any portion of the penalty exceeding the cost of collection will be remitted to the Florida Department of Financial Services for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund, pursuant to Section 364.285(1), F.S. It is further

ORDERED that should an entity fail to comply with this Order, that entity's respective certificate shall be cancelled. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of an entity's certificate in no way diminishes the entity's obligation to pay the \$1,000 penalty, the applicable delinquent RAF, and any accrued statutory late payment charges. It is further

ORDERED that if an entity listed in this Order has its respective certificate cancelled, and subsequently decides to reapply for certification as a telecommunications service provider, that entity shall be required to first pay the \$1,000 penalty, and any past due RAF, along with any accrued statutory late payment charges. It is further

ORDERED that if an entity fails to pay its outstanding RAF, in full, including any accrued statutory late payment charges, penalties and cost of collection, it shall be referred to the Florida Department of Financial Services for further collection efforts. It is further

ORDERED that if an entity's certificate is cancelled in accordance with this Order, that entity shall immediately cease and desist providing local exchange telecommunications services in Florida. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C., is received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this docket shall be closed upon receipt of the imposed \$1,000 penalty, and any past due RAF, including any accrued statutory late payment charges, from the respective entity or upon cancellation of that entity's certificate.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th day of May, 2026.



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Commission Clerk

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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 that is available under Section 120.57, 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 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. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on May 28, 2026.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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