

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of IXC  
Certificate No. 5669 issued to  
Buyers United International,  
Inc. for violation of Rule 25-  
4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory  
Assessment Fees;  
Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 991826-TI  
ORDER NO. PSC-00-0821-PAA-TI  
ISSUED: April 26, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.  
LILA A. JABER

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER IMPOSING FINE AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF REGULATORY  
ASSESSMENT FEES, OR CANCELING 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.

Buyers United International, Inc. (Buyers United) currently  
holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5669,  
issued by the Commission on July 14, 1998, authorizing the  
provision of Interexchange Telecommunications service (IXC). The  
Division of Administration advised our staff by memorandum that  
Buyers United 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 years 1998 and 1999. Also,  
accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs  
payments for the years 1998 and 1999 had not been paid.

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Pursuant to 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 certification receive a copy of our rules governing IXC service. All applicants must attest that these rules have been received and understood by the applicant and an affidavit must be attached to the application in order for the application to be processed.

Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the RAFs forms, for the period of January 1, through December 31, are mailed to the entities at least 45 days prior to the date that payment of the fee is due. After the docket was opened, Ms. Kenna Smith contacted staff on behalf of Buyers United and requested the RAFs form and information on how to propose a settlement. On December 30, 1999, staff faxed the requested information to Buyers United. Buyers United has been given adequate opportunity to pay. As of the date of this vote, Buyers United has not paid the required fees.

For the reason described above, pursuant to Rule 25-24.474(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we find it appropriate to cancel Buyers United's certificate for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, unless Buyers United pays a \$500 fine and remits all past due Regulatory Assessment Fees, along with statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission. Buyers United must comply with these requirements within five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The fine will be remitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund, pursuant to Section 364.285 (1), Florida Statutes.

When the appropriate fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and fine are received, this Docket shall be closed. Should Buyers United fail to comply with this Order within five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order, Buyers United shall have its certificate canceled administratively, and the Docket shall be closed. The cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the Docket in no way diminishes Buyers United's obligation to pay applicable delinquent RAFs, statutory penalties, and interest charges for 1998 and 1999.

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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Buyers United International, Inc., must pay the past due Regulatory Assessment Fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and a \$500 fine to the Florida Public Service Commission for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, within five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The fine will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that should Buyers United International, Inc. fail to comply with this Order, Buyers United International, Inc.'s Certificate No. 5669 shall be canceled, and the Docket shall be closed. It is further

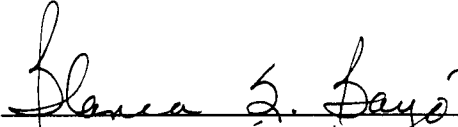
ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the docket in no way diminishes Buyers United International, Inc.'s obligation to pay applicable delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, statutory penalties, and interest charges for 1998 and 1999. It is further

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, 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" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed upon payment of the fine, and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificate.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 26th  
day of April, 2000.

  
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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 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 Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on May 17, 2000.

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 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.

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TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (PEÑA) *WMP* *AK*

RE: DOCKET NO. 991826-TI - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF IXC CERTIFICATE NO. 5669 ISSUED TO BUYERS UNITED INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

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Attached is a NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER IMPOSING FINE AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES, OR CANCELING INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order

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