

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5710 issued to SouthNet Telecomm Services, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 991991-TX

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5727 issued to Pushbutton Paging & Communication, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 992000-TX

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5754 issued to NewSouth Communications Corp. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 992002-TX

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5758 issued to Dial Tone, Inc. d/b/a Dial Tone of Alabama, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 992003-TX
ORDER NO. PSC-00-0811-AS-TX
ISSUED: April 25, 2000

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

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

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENTS

BY THE COMMISSION:

The entities listed below currently hold a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the provision of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications service. The Division of Administration advised our staff by memorandum that these entities had paid neither the Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, nor statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year(s) listed below.

<u>ENTITY'S NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NO.</u>	<u>PAST DUE RAFS</u>	<u>PAST DUE PENALTIES AND INTEREST</u>
SouthNet Telecomm Services, Inc.	5710	1998	1998
Pushbutton Paging & Communication, Inc.	5727	1998	1998
NewSouth Communications Corp.	5754	1998	1998
Dial Tone, Inc. d/b/a Dial Tone Of Alabama, Inc.	5758	1998	1998

All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications 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.

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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. The RAFs form was mailed to each of these entities for the period of January 1 through December 31. 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. However, pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the Commission shall provide at least a 45 days notice of the date the payment is due prior to the due date. Each of the entities listed was scheduled to remit its RAFs by February 1, 1999.

After this docket was opened, each of the entities contacted our staff, paid the past due amounts in full, and proposed a settlement offer. Each of the entities proposed to pay future RAFs in a timely manner, and contribute \$100 to the State General Revenue Fund.

We believe that the terms of the settlement agreement represent a fair and reasonable resolution of this matter. Accordingly, we hereby accept the settlement offers. Each of the entities must comply with these requirements within ten business days from the date this Order becomes final. The contribution should be identified with the docket number and the entity's name. The contributions 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. If an entity fails to comply with this Order, its certificate will be canceled administratively. Upon remittance of each of the \$100 contribution, each docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that each of the entities' settlement proposal summarized in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

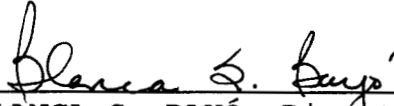
ORDERED that these dockets shall remain open pending receipt of each of the \$100 contribution. The contributions will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that if an entity fails to comply with this Order, its Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate will be canceled administratively. It is further

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ORDERED that upon receipt of each of the \$100 contribution or cancellation of the certificate, each docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 25th day of April, 2000.



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 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. This 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.