### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of IXC Certificate No. 6034 and ALEC Certificate No. 5588 issued to Vision Prepaid Services, Inc., for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 020288-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0856-PAA-TP
ISSUED: June 24, 2002

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON BRAULIO L. BAEZ MICHAEL A. PALECKI RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER CANCELING INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATES INVOLUNTARILY

### 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.

Vision Prepaid Services, Inc. (Vision Prepaid) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5588, issued by the Commission on April 18, 1998, authorizing the provision of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications (ALEC) services and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 6034, issued by

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the Commission on April 17, 1999, authorizing the provision of Interexchange Telecommunications (IXC) services.

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. Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the RAFs 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. All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing IXC and ALEC services.

On August 8, 2001, we received a letter from the company, which requested cancellation of its ALEC certificate. After researching the company, we discovered that the company also had an IXC certificate. Our staff wrote the company on August 9, 2001, and asked for clarification concerning which certificate(s) the company wanted cancelled and explained that the company either needed to pay the 2001 RAFs or provide a date certain the RAFs would be paid. Our staff had several conversations and voice mail messages with Mr. Jim Stevens. Although Mr. Stevens stated that the company wanted its certificates voluntarily cancelled, as of May 22, 2002, we had not received payment for the 2001 RAFs for Vision Prepaid's IXC and ALEC certificates.

# INVOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF ALEC CERTIFICATE

Vision Prepaid has not complied with Rule 25-24.820(2), Florida Administrative Code, which states:

- (2) If a certificated company desires to cancel its certificate, it shall request cancellation from the Commission in writing and shall provide the following with its request. Cancellation of a certificate shall be ordered subject to the holder providing the required information.
  - (a) A statement of intent and date certain to pay regulatory assessment fee.

- (b) A statement of why the certificate is proposed to be cancelled.
- (c) A statement as to how customer deposits and final bills will be handled.
- (d) Proof of individual customer notice regarding discontinuance of service.

# INVOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF IXC CERTIFICATE

Vision Prepaid has not complied with Rule 25-24.474(2), Florida Administrative Code, which states:

- (2) If a certificated company desires to cancel its certificate, it shall request cancellation from the Commission in writing and shall provide the following with its request:
- (a) Statement of intent and date to pay Regulatory Assessment Fee.
- (b) Statement of why the certificate is proposed to be cancelled.
- (c) A statement on treatment of customer deposits and final bills.
- (d) Proof of individual customer notice regarding discontinuance of service.

Accordingly, since Vision Prepaid's certificates remain active until it requests voluntary cancellations pursuant to Rules 25-24.474(2) and 25-24.820(2), Florida Administrative Code, or we involuntarily cancel the certificates, Vision Prepaid is responsible for the RAFs.

For the reasons described above, pursuant to Rules 25-24.474(1)(b) and (c) and 25-24.820(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we deny Vision Prepaid 's request for voluntary cancellations of IXC Certificate No. 6034 and ALEC Certificate No. 5588 for failure to comply with the provisions of

Rules 25-24.474(2) and 25-24.820(2), Florida Administrative Code. However, we find it appropriate to involuntarily cancel Vision Prepaid's certificates, effective December 17, 2001, for failure to pay RAFs pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code.

Since Vision Prepaid is no longer in business, there would be no purpose in requiring Vision Prepaid to pay a penalty. involuntarily canceling Vision Prepaid's certificates, however, we would be able to track this company should it apply for another certificate with us in the future. The cancellation of the certificates and the closing of the Docket in no way diminishes Vision Prepaid's obligation to pay applicable delinquent RAFs, statutory penalties, and interest charges. The collection of the past due fees shall be referred to the Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts. If Vision Prepaid's certificates are canceled in accordance with this Order, Vision Prepaid shall immediately cease and desist providing Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications and Interexchange Telecommunications services in Florida. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336 and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that we hereby deny Vision Prepaid Services, Inc.'s request for voluntary cancellation of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5588. It is further

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that we hereby deny Vision Prepaid Services, Inc.'s request for voluntary cancellation of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 6034. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 25-24.820(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we hereby cancel Vision Prepaid's Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5588, effective December 17, 2001, for failure to comply with Rule 25-24.820(2), Florida Administrative Code; Section 364.336, Florida Statutes; and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 25-24.474(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we hereby cancel Vision Prepaid Services, Inc.'s Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 6034, effective December 17, 2001, for failure to comply with Rule 25-24.474(2), Florida Administrative Code; Section 364.336, Florida Statutes; and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificates in no way diminishes Vision Prepaid Services, Inc.'s obligation to pay applicable delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. The collection of the past due fees shall be referred to the Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts. It is further

ORDERED that if Vision Prepaid Services, Inc.'s certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, Vision Prepaid Services, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist providing Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications services in Florida. It is further

ORDERED that if Vision Prepaid Services, Inc.'s certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, Vision Prepaid Services, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist providing Interexchange 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, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this  $\underline{24th}$  Day of  $\underline{June}$ ,  $\underline{2002}$ .

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the 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 Director, Division of

the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on <u>July 15, 2002</u>.

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.