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In re: Application for certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service by Trans National Communications International, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 020980-TX
ORDER NO. PSC-02-1544-PAA-TX
ISSUED: November 12, 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 GRANTING CERTIFICATE TO
PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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.

I. BACKGROUND

On December 11, 1996, Trans National Communications International, Inc. (National) was granted Certificate No. 4728 to provide interexchange telecommunications (IXC) service in Florida. On November 14, 2000, National was granted Certificate No. 7620 to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications (ALEC) service in Florida. On March 20, 2002, the ALEC certificate was canceled in Docket No. 011315-TX. The company failed to respond to

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Order No. PSC-02-0236-PAA-TX which required payment of the past due Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) with statutory penalties and interest and imposed a \$500 fine.

On September 13, 2002, National submitted an application for a new ALEC certificate which included the payment of the fine, RAFs, and late fees. On September 23, 2002, we received the company's letter of explanation concerning National's failure to timely file its ALEC RAFs.

There are no outstanding RAFs owed by National at this time. The Commission is vested with jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Sections 364.335 and 364.337, Florida Statutes.

II. ANALYSIS AND DECISION

Section 364.337(1), Florida Statutes, reads:

The commission shall grant a certificate of authority to provide alternative local exchange service upon a showing that the applicant has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such service in the geographic area proposed to be served.

National filed an application with us on September 13, 2002, to offer ALEC service in Florida. A review of the application indicates that the company appears to meet the requirements of Section 364.337(1), Florida Statutes.

In the letter received by us on September 23, 2002, National explained that when the company received its ALEC certificate, National amended its IXC contract with an outside service company to include completing all necessary reports to retain its ALEC certification. Due to an operational error on the part of the service company this added responsibility was never communicated to the analyst responsible for the company's reports. The letter states, in part:

The situation with the outside service company has been rectified, and all future reports should be timely filed.

Although National's certificate was canceled on March 20,2002, we accept the company's representation that these oversights will not occur again. Therefore, Trans National Communications International, Inc. is granted a certificate to provide ALEC service in Florida.

Pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate holders must pay a minimum annual Regulatory Assessment Fee of \$50 if the certificate is active during any portion of the calendar year. A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return notice will be mailed each December to National for payment in January.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that we hereby grant Certificate No. 8244 to Trans National Communications International, Inc., which shall authorize it to provide Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications services, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall serve as Trans National Communications International, Inc.'s certificate and should be retained by Trans National Communications International, Inc. as proof of certification. 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 <u>12th</u> Day of November, 2002.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Directo

Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

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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 December 3, 2002.

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.