

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Applications for)
certificates to provide)
alternative local exchange)
telecommunications service.)

GTE Card Services Incorporated) DOCKET NO. 961371-TX
d/b/a GTE Long Distance)
Incorporated)
OpTel (Florida) Telecom, Inc.) DOCKET NO. 961370-TX
d/b/a OpTel)
Sterling International Funding,) DOCKET NO. 961162-TX
Inc. d/b/a Reconex)
Digital Cable, Inc.) DOCKET NO. 961281-TX
)
) ORDER NO. PSC-97-0222-FOF-TX
) ISSUED: February 24, 1997

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
SUSAN F. CLARK
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATES TO
PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed in this Order 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.

The entities listed below have applied for certificates to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service, pursuant to Section 364.337, Florida Statutes. Upon review of their applications, it appears that these entities have sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such service. Accordingly, we hereby grant to these entities the

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certificates depicted below, which shall authorize them to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services statewide, except for within the territories of earnings-regulated small local exchange companies, as set forth in Section 364.337(1), Florida Statutes.

<u>ENTITY NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</u>
GTE Card Services Incorporated d/b/a GTE Long Distance Incorporated	4819
OpTel (Florida) Telecom, Inc. d/b/a OpTel	4818
Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex	4828
Digital Cable, Inc.	4815

If this Order becomes final and effective, it shall serve as each entity's certificate. It should, therefore, be retained by these entities as proof of their certification.

In addition, Section 364.337(2), Florida Statutes, requires ALECs which provide basic local telecommunications service to provide access to 911 services. This Commission has no rules specifying the 911 services that either an incumbent local exchange company (ILEC) or an ALEC must provide; however, 911 service that is inferior to that provided by the ILEC would clearly not be in the public interest. Accordingly, we find that Section 364.337(2), Florida Statutes, requires ALECs which provide basic local telecommunications services to provide at least the same level of 911 services as that provided by the ILEC serving the same area.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that we hereby grant, to the entities listed herein, certificates to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

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ORDERED that this Order shall serve as these entities' certificates and they should retain this Order as proof of their certification. It is further

ORDERED that each alternative local exchange company which provides basic local telecommunications services shall provide at least the same level of 911 services as that provided by the incumbent local exchange company serving the same area. It is further

ORDERED that any protest to the action proposed herein shall specify the entity or entities to which it applies. It is further

ORDERED that, if a protest is filed as to the certification of any particular entity or entities, that protest shall not prevent the action proposed herein from becoming final with regard to the remaining entities listed in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036, 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 or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, these Dockets shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th day of February, 1997.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

by: _____
Chief, Bureau of Records

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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.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), 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 March 17, 1997.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party substantially affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water 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 of the effective date 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.