BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of AAV Certificate No. 2961 issued to Commercial Communications Systems, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 030613-TA ORDER NO. PSC-03-1132-PAA-TA ISSUED: October 10, 2003

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON BRAULIO L. BAEZ RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY CHARLES M. DAVIDSON

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER CANCELING ALTERNATIVE ACCESS VENDOR CERTIFICATE INVOLUNTARILY

BY THE COMMISSION:

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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.

Commercial Communications Systems, Inc. (Commercial) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2961, issued by the Commission on April 29, 1992, authorizing the provision of Alternative Access Vendor service. The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services advised our staff that Commercial 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 year(s)2002. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for

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the year(s) 2002 had not been paid. Commercial was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 30, 2002.

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 Alternative Access Vendor service.

On March 19, 2003, The Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services notified our staff that Commercial Communications Systems, Inc. had not paid the 2002 RAFS. Our Staff had written the company twice and attempted to call without success to attempt collection of the 2002 RAF. In response, on July 11, 2003, the company's President, Mr. Don Jacobs, e-mailed our staff and advised only that Commercial Communications Systems, Inc. had gone out of business on January 31, 2003.

As of the date of the vote, Commercial continues to be in violation of our rules for nonpayment of RAFs for the year(s) 2002.

Since Commercial is no longer in business, there would be no purpose in requiring Commercial to pay a penalty. By involuntarily canceling Commercial's certificate, however, we would be able to track this company should it apply for another certificate with us in the future. The cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the Docket in no way diminishes Commercial'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 Commercial's certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, Commercial shall immediately cease and desist providing Alternative Access Vendor services in Florida. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336 and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that should Commercial Communications Systems, Inc. fail to comply with this Order, that Commercial Communications Systems, Inc.'s certificate shall be canceled, effective on the date of issuance of the Consummating Order, the collection of the past due fees shall be referred to the Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts, and the respective docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate in no way diminishes Commercial Communications Systems, Inc.'s obligation to pay applicable delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. It is further

ORDERED that if Commercial Communications Systems, Inc.'s certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, Commercial Communications Systems, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist providing Competitive Local Exchange 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 upon payment of the penalties, and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificate.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>10th</u> Day of <u>October</u>, <u>2003</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director 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.

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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 October 31, 2003.

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.