

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
Interexchange Telecommunications  
Certificate No. 3590 issued to  
Federated Telephone Company,  
Inc. for violation of Rule 25-  
24.480, F.A.C., Records and  
Reports; Rules Incorporated.

DOCKET NO. 970580-TI  
ORDER NO. PSC-97-0749-FOF-TI  
ISSUED: June 26, 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 IMPOSING FINE AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF  
REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES OR CANCELING  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE AND DIRECTING  
CERTIFICATED INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS  
TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE

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.

This docket was initiated to consider canceling this entity's  
certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the  
provision of interexchange telecommunication service (IXC).  
Federated Telephone Company, Inc. (Federated) currently holds a  
certificate issued by the Commission. However, the Commission's  
correspondence to Federated has been returned as undeliverable by  
the Post Office.

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Federated has not paid the regulatory assessment fees required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, for the years 1994-1996. The last Regulatory assessment fee form was mailed in December, 1996, for the period of January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996. Pursuant to Rule 25-4.0161(2), Florida Administrative Code, the form and applicable fees are due to the Florida Public Service Commission for the period ending December 31, 1996. Federated was notified of its delinquency on February 28, 1997. The company has been given adequate opportunity to pay. To date, Federated has not paid the required fees.

The returned regulatory assessment fees notice also shows that Federated has violated Rule 25-24.480(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, by failing to report to us any address change within ten (10) days of its effectiveness. Our staff attempted to reach Federated's contact person by telephone. These efforts were unsuccessful, thus providing further evidence that the company has also violated Rule 25-24.480(2)(b), Florida Administrative Code, which requires any change in the name, title or telephone number of the individual responsible for Commission contacts to be reported. It is of paramount importance that IXC certificate holders remain diligent in furnishing the current information necessary to make contact with their representatives.

For the reasons described above, we find it appropriate to cancel Federated's certificate, pursuant to Rules 25-24.474 and 25-24.480, Florida Administrative Code, unless the company pays a \$250 fine, and remits all past due regulatory assessment fees, along with statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission within 30 days from the date this Order becomes final. The fine will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund.

When the appropriate fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and fine are received, this docket shall be closed without further Commission action. Should Federated fail to comply with this Order within 30 days from the date this Order becomes final, Federated shall have its certificate canceled and the docket will be closed. The cancellation of a certificate and the closing of the docket in no way diminishes Federated's obligation to pay

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applicable delinquent regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalties, and interest charges.

Should Federated's certificate be canceled, all certificated interexchange carriers in the State of Florida are instructed to discontinue service to Federated, pursuant to Rule 25-24.4701(3), Florida Administrative Code, Provision of Regulated Telecommunications Service to Uncertificated Resellers Prohibited.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Federated Telephone Company, Inc. shall pay all past due regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and a \$250 fine to the Florida Public Service Commission for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes and Rule 25-4.0161(2), Florida Administrative Code, and provide the correct mailing address, liaison information, and other information in accordance with Rule 25-24.480 (2)(a) and (b). It is further

ORDERED that Federated Telephone Company, Inc. must pay the past due regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalty, interest charges and a \$250 fine, within 30 days from the date this Order becomes final or its certificate shall be canceled, and the docket shall be closed. The fine will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the docket in no way diminishes Federated Telephone Company, Inc.'s obligation to pay applicable delinquent regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalties, and interest charges. It is further

ORDERED that all certificated interexchange telecommunication providers shall discontinue service to Federated Telephone Company, Inc. 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

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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, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 26th day of June, 1997.



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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.

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 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 July 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.