

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for transfer of control whereby Trailblazer Acquisition Corporation and parent company, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., agree to acquire Shared Communications Services, Inc. (holder of IXC Certificate No. 4710) through merger of Shared Communications Services with Trailblazer.

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ORDER NO. PSC-99-1722-PAA-TI  
ISSUED: September 2, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF CONTROL

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.

Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, provides that a person may not acquire ownership or control of any telecommunications facility, or any extension thereof for the purpose of providing telecommunications services to the public, including the acquisition, transfer, or assignment of majority organizational control or controlling stock ownership, without prior approval from this Commission.

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By letter dated June 30, 1999, Trailblazer Acquisition Corporation (Trailblazer Acquisition) and Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (Advanced TelCom), and Shared Communications Services, Inc. (Shared Communications) filed with this Commission an application for approval of transfer of control whereby Trailblazer Acquisition and parent company Advanced TelCom agreed to acquire all outstanding shares of Shared Communications through merger of Shared Communications and Trailblazer Acquisition. Shared Communications is the holder of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 4710. Shared Communications has stated that it will continue to operate under its existing certificated name and tariff on file with this Commission.

In accordance with our authority under Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, to approve the acquisition or transfer of majority organizational control or controlling stock ownership of a telecommunications company providing service in Florida, we have reviewed the Petition of Trailblazer Acquisition, Advanced TelCom, and Shared Communications, and find it appropriate to approve it. We have based our review and decision upon an analysis of the public's interest in efficient, reliable telecommunications service. Our decision does not address the potential impact of the transfer on the competitive market in Florida, or on the companies' or their competitors' interests. We emphasize, however, that our approval of the Petition pursuant to our authority under Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, does not preclude us from addressing any of our concerns that may arise regarding this transaction to the appropriate federal or state agencies.

Based on the foregoing, it is,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Trailblazer Acquisition Corporation, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., and Shared Communications Services, Inc.'s request for approval of transfer of control, whereby Trailblazer Acquisition Corporation and Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. agreed to acquire all outstanding shares of Shared Communications Services, Inc. through the merger of Trailblazer Acquisition Corporation and Shared Communications Services, Inc., is hereby approved. It is further

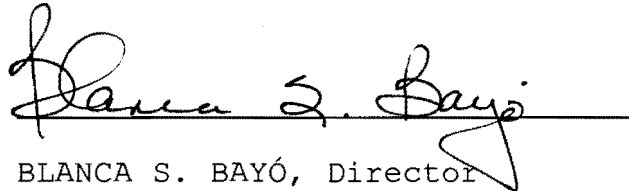
ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540

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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 2nd day of September, 1999.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Blanca S. Bayó", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is positioned above the typed name and title.

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 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

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Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on .

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 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.