

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into
allegations of anti-competitive
behaviors and practices of
Verizon Florida Inc.

DOCKET NO. 011076-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-01-2242-PCO-TL
ISSUED: November 16, 2001

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition, American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc. (e.spire) has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. e.spire states that it is certified as a provider of competitive local exchange services in Florida. As a Florida ALEC, e.spire has substantial interest in ensuring that anticompetitive practices in the Florida telecommunications market are eliminated. Accordingly, any decision by us in this docket will affect the substantial interests of e.spire.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that e.spire's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding. Any decision made by this Commission in this matter may have an impact on e.spire's ability to continue providing competitive telecommunications services in the area served by Verizon Florida, Inc. Therefore, the Petition shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, e.spire takes the case as it finds it.

It is, therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc. d/b/a e.spire Communications, Inc., be and the same is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents which may hereinafter be filed in this proceeding, to:

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th
Day of November, 2001.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
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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 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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Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.