COMMISSIONERS:
LILA A. JABER, CHAIRMAN
J. TERRY DEASON
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY



DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
BLANCA S. BAYÓ
DIRECTOR
(850) 413-6770 (CLERK)
(850) 413-6330 (ADMIN)

Hublic Service Commission

July 15, 2002

Mr. Steven E. Wilson Office of the Comptroller Bureau of Accounting 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL. 32399

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Public Service Commission has exercised reasonable efforts to collect Regulatory Assessment Fees plus penalties and interest from the utility referenced below. However, due to bankruptcy, collection efforts would not be cost effective.

| DOCKET NUMBER | UTILITY NAME | TOTAL AMOUNT | | |
|---------------|--|--------------|--|--|
| 020328-TP | Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc. | \$21,591.75 | | |

The Delinquent Accounts Receivable Transmittal form, and a memorandum from the Commission's Office of the General Counsel, are enclosed. At your discretion, please DO NOT attempt further collection, but instead, grant this agency permission to write off the debts.

Sincerely,

Pauf A. hive for Blanca S. Bayó

BB:jk Enclosures

i:wroff02 `

cc: Office of the General Counsel (Teitzman)

Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement (Isler)

Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Division (Knight, Flynn)

07357 JULISE

AUS

OMP

DOM DTR ECR

3CL

)PC

STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER BUREAU OF AUDITING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TRANSMITTAL

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

| AGENCY: | FLORIDA PL | IBLIC SERVICE (| COMMISSION | | | DATE: | 7/1/02 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| CONTACT: | KAREN BELO | CHER, DIRECTOR | R, FISCAL SI | ERVICES | | | e |
| PHONE NUM | 1BER: 413-6 | 273 | | | | | |
| SAMAS ACC | OUNT CODE: | 61 50 2 5730 61 74 1 0003 | | | | | |
| TI048 `020328-TP | Ne | twork Plus, Inc. d/b/a | a Hale and Fathe | r, Inc. | | | |
| AGENCY REFERENCE | # | LAST NAME F | IRST | MIDDLE | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | CON | IPTROLLER USE ONLY |
| HOME TE | | Father, Inc., 41 Pa | ESTIMATED PRINCIPLE 2 | \$20,018.73 | \$0/\$0 | ESTIM | ATED \$20,018.73 |
| § 364.336, F.S. § 350.113, F.S. | Rule 25-4.0161, 1 | F.A.C. | | | January 30, 2003 | | 8 DEBT TYPE |
| 2002 REGULAT | TORY ASSESSM | | , DRIVER LICENSE, SALAR | Y OVERPAYMENT, PROP. | ERTY DAMAGE | | |
| | | | , | | | | |
| | | ADDITIONAL INFOR | MATION, e.g., DATE OF BIR | TH. DRIVER LICENSE NU | MBER, ETC. | | |
| | | | | | | | |

STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER BUREAU OF AUDITING DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TRANSMITTAL

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

AGENCY: FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DATE: <u>7/1/02</u>

| CONTACT: KAR | EN BELCHER, DIRECT | OR, FISCAL S | SERVICES | | • |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| PHONE NUMBER: | 413-6273 | | | | |
| SAMAS ACCOUNT | CODE: 61 50 2 57 61 74 1 00 | 3003 610100 0331 610000 | | | |
| TX233 `)20328-TP | Network Plus, Inc. d/ | | | | |
| AGENCY REFERENCE # | LAST NAME | FIRST | MIDDLE | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | COMPTROLLER USE ONLY |
| Network Plus, Inc. d/b/ | a Hale and Father, Inc., 41 | Pacella Park Driv | S (INCLUDE ZIP) | \$859.06/\$171.81 | ESTIMATED \$1,573.02 |
| HOME TELEPHONE | WORK TELEPHONE | | NCPLE AMOUNT | PENALTY/INTEREST AMOUNT | TOTAL |
| 364.336, F.S. 350.113, F.S. Rule 2. | | | | January 30, 2003 | 8 |
| | PENALTY/INTEREST AUTHORITY | - | | DATE DEBT INCURRED | DEBT TYPE |
| 2002 REGULATORY | ASSESSMENT FEE and ST. | ATUTORY PEN | ALTIES AND IN | TEREST CHARGES F | OR 1999 |
| | DEBT DESCRIPTION | , e.g., DRIVER LICENSE, SALA | RY OVERPAYMENT, PROPE | RTY DAMAGE | |
| | | | | | |
| | ADDITIONAL INS | FORMATION, FR, DATE OF BI | RŤĤ, DRIVER LICENSE NUK | IBER, EYC. | |

State of Florida



Hublic Service Commission -M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

DATE: July 1, 2002

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of Commission Çlerk and Administrative Services

FROM: Adam Teitzman, Office of the General Counsel

RE: Request for Permission from Comptroller's Office to Write-Off the RAFs for the year

2002 for Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc. (TI048 and TX233).

By Order No. PSC-02-0716-PAA-TP, issued on May 24, 2002, the Commission approved the cancellation of TI048 and TX233's Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 2994 and Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5711 due to bankruptcy. The Commission further ordered that the outstanding Regulatory Assessment Fees not be sent to the Comptroller's Office for collection, but instead, that the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services should request permission to write-off the uncollectible amount.

Therefore, staff requests that Bureau of Administrative Services/Fiscal Services Section take the appropriate steps to seek permission from the Comptroller's Office to write-off the uncollectible RAFs for the year 2002 for TI048 and TX233.

KMP

cc: Jackie Knight

Paula Isler

1'\020328 fiscal memo kmp

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Bankruptcy cancellation by the Florida Public Service Commission of IXC Certificate No. 2994 and ALEC Certificate No. 5711 issued to Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc., effective 5/10/02. DOCKET NO. 020328-TP ORDER NO. PSC-02-0716-PAA-TP ISSUED: May 24, 2002

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON BRAULIO L. BAEZ MICHAEL A. PALECKI RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CERTIFICATE DUE TO CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY

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.

Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc. (Hale and Father) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 2994, issued by the Commission on August 23, 1992, authorizing the provision of Interexchange Telecommunications (IXC) service and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5711, issued by the Commission on November 3, 1998, authorizing the provision of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications

DOCUMENT NUMBER -DATE

05551 MAY 24 8

FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

(ALEC) service. By letter dated April 9, 2002, Hale and Father served notice to the Commission that it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. In addition, the letter requested cancellation of Hale and Father's IXC Certificate No. 2994 and ALEC Certificate No. 5711 and asked that any unpaid RAFS be written off as no funds exist.

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. Hale and Father was scheduled to remit its RAFS for the year 2001 by January 30, 2002.

Hale and Father filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of Section 109 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code which provides for reorganization by business entities. The filing of a bankruptcy petition under Chapter 11 invokes an automatic injunction known as the Automatic Stay, codified in Bankruptcy Code Section 362. Section 362(b)(5) provides that, for governments, the filing of the petition does not operate as a stay "of the enforcement of a judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an actual proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power." (emphasis added) would appear that we are not enjoined from exercising our police powers to protect public health, safety and welfare, but are enjoined from exercising our regulatory authority seeking to collect a debt. However, in this case, the company has requested cancellation of its certificate. Under those circumstances, this Commission is free to do so. We note that the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services will be notified that the past due RAFS should not be sent to the Comptroller's Office for collection, but that permission for the Commission to write-off the uncollectible amount should be requested.

Accordingly, we find it appropriate to cancel IXC Certificate No. 2994 and ALEC Certificate No. 5711, effective May 10, 2002. If Hale and Father's certificates are canceled in accordance with this Order, Hale and Father shall immediately cease and desist providing IXC and ALEC services in Florida. We are vested with jurisdiction

over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.285, and 364.335, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc.'s Certificate No. 2994 to provide Interexchange Telecommunications services is hereby canceled, effective May 10, 2002. It is further

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc.'s Certificate No. 5711 to provide Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications services is hereby canceled, effective May 10, 2002. It is further

ORDERED that the outstanding Regulatory Assessment Fees should not be sent to the Comptroller's Office for collection. The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, instead, shall request for permission to write-off the uncollectible amount. It is further

ORDERED that if Network Plus, Inc. d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc.'s Certificate No. 2994 and Certificate No. 5711 are canceled in accordance with this Order, that entity shall immediately cease and desist providing Interexchange Telecommunication and Alternative 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this $\underline{24th}$ Day of \underline{May} , $\underline{2002}$.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

By:

Kay Flynn, Chief

Bureau of Records and Hearing

Services

(SEAL)

AJT

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 the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on <u>June 14</u>, 2002.

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.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Bankruptcy cancellation by the Florida Public Service Commission of IXC Certificate No. 2994 and ALEC Certificate No. 5711 issued to Network Plus, Inc., d/b/a Hale and Father, Inc., effective 5/10/02. DOCKET NO. 020328-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0828-CO-TP
ISSUED: June 17, 2002

CONSUMMATING ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Order No. PSC-02-0716-PAA-TP, issued May 24, 2002, this Commission proposed to take certain action, subject to a Petition for Formal Proceeding as provided in Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. No response has been filed to the order, in regard to the above mentioned docket. It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Order No. PSC-02-0716-PAA-TP has become effective and final. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this $\underline{17th}$ Day of \underline{June} , $\underline{2002}$.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director)

Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

(SEAL)

AJT

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE 06253 JUN 178

ORDER NO. PSC-02-0828-CO-TP DOCKET NO. 020328-TP PAGE 2

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 judicial review of Commission orders that is available pursuant to Section 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 judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request 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 and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services 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 after the issuance 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.