

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 4814 issued to Telecard Services International, Inc. for violation of Rules 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies, and 25-24.480(2)(a) and (b), Reporting Requirements.

DOCKET NO. 981982-TI

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 4787 issued to STA Telecommunications Corp. for violation of Rules 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies, and 25-24.480(2)(a) and (b), Reporting Requirements.

DOCKET NO. 981983-TI

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Interexchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 4806 issued to BFI Communication, Inc. for violation of Rules 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies, and 25-24.480(2)(a) and (b), Reporting Requirements.

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In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
Interexchange Telecommunications  
Certificate No. 4831 issued to  
USA Telecard, Inc. d/b/a  
Telecard America, Inc. for  
violation of Rules 25-4.0161,  
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment  
Fees; Telecommunications  
Companies, and 25-24.480(2)(a)  
and (b), Reporting Requirements.

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ISSUED: April 22, 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 IMPOSING FINES, REQUIRING PAYMENT OF REGULATORY ASSESSMENT  
FEES AND REQUIRING INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 25-24.520,  
FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OR CANCELING  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATES

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.

The entities listed below have not paid the regulatory  
assessment fees required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and  
Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, for the year(s)  
specified below, along with statutory penalties and interest  
charges. Under Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate



holders must pay a minimum annual regulatory assessment fee 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. All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing interexchange telecommunications service and an affidavit in which the applicants attest that the rules have been received and understood by the applicant. This affidavit must be attached to the application in order for the application to be processed.

Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the regulatory assessment fee forms, for the period of January 1, through December 31, are mailed to the entities at least 45 days prior to the date that payment of the fee is due. The entities have been given adequate opportunity to pay. The Commission's correspondence regarding the regulatory assessment fees was returned by the United States Postal Service. To date, the entities have not paid the required fees.

The return of these materials indicates that each entity may have violated Rule 25-24.480(1)(a), Florida Administrative Code, which requires the reporting to the Commission of an address change within ten (10) days of its effectiveness. Accordingly, Commission staff attempted to reach the contact person of each entity by telephone. This effort was unsuccessful, indicating that each entity may have also violated Rule 25-24.480(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, which requires the reporting to the Commission of a change in the name, title, or telephone number of the individual responsible for Commission contacts.

For the reason described above, pursuant to Rule 25-24.474(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we find it appropriate to cancel each entity's certificate for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, unless each entity pays a \$500 fine and remits all past due regulatory assessment fees, along with statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission. We also find it appropriate to cancel each entity's certificate with an effective date of December 31, 1998 for failure to comply with Rule 25-24.480(2), Florida Administrative Code, unless each entity pays a \$500 fine and provides the information required by Rule 25-24.480, Florida Administrative Code, to the Florida Public Service Commission. Each entity must comply with these requirements within five

business days from the date this Order becomes final. The two fines, totaling \$1,000, will be remitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund, pursuant to Section 364.516, Florida Statutes.

<u>ENTITY'S NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NO.</u>	<u>PAST DUE RAFS</u>	<u>PAST DUE PENALTIES AND INTEREST</u>
Telecard Services International, Inc.	4814	1997	1997
STA Telecommunications Corp.	4787	1997	1997
BFI Communication, Inc.	4806	1997	1997
USA Telecard, Inc. d/b/a Telecard America, Inc.	4831	1997	1997

As the appropriate fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, required information, and fines are received, each Docket shall be closed. Should any of the entities fail to comply with this Order within five business days from the date this Order becomes final, the entity shall have its certificate canceled with an effective date of December 31, 1998, and the Docket shall be closed. The cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the Docket in no way diminishes any of the entity's obligation to pay applicable delinquent regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalties, and interest charges for 1997 and 1998.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that each of the entities listed herein shall pay the past due regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and a \$500 fine to the Florida Public Service Commission for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, within five business days from the date this Order becomes final. The fines will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further



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ORDERED that each of the entities listed herein must provide the correct mailing address, liaison information, and other information in accordance with Rule 25-24.480, Florida Administrative Code, and pay a \$500 fine to the Florida Public Service Commission for failure to comply with Rule 25-24.480, Florida Administrative Code, within five business 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. It is further

ORDERED that should any of the entities fail to comply with this Order, that entity's certificate shall be canceled with an effective date of December 31, 1998, and the respective Docket shall be closed. It is further

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

ORDERED that any protest to the action proposed herein shall specify the entity or entities to which it applies. It is further

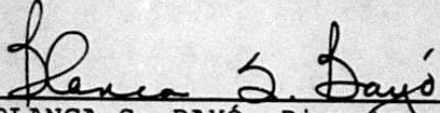
ORDERED that, if a protest to this Order is filed, the protest shall not prevent the action proposed herein from becoming final with regard to the remaining entities listed in this Order. It is further

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 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division 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, these Dockets shall be closed upon payment of the fines, and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificates.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd  
day of April, 1999.

  
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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.

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 Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on May 13, 1999.



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In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date.

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.