

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
Interexchange Telecommunications  
Certificate No. 4401 issued to  
Americom Technologies, Inc.  
d/b/a Network Utilization  
Services for violation of Rule  
25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory  
Assessment Fees;  
Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 981765-TI  
ORDER NO. PSC-99-1061-AS-TI  
ISSUED: May 24, 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.

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

Americom Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Network Utilization Services (Americom) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4401, issued by the Commission on March 20, 1996, authorizing the provision of interexchange telecommunications service. The Division of Administration advised our staff by memorandum that Americom had not paid the 1997 regulatory assessment fees (RAFs), nor statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 1997. RAFs are required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code. By Order No. PSC-99-0502-FOF-TI, issued March 9, 1999, we imposed a \$500 fine and required Americom to pay the fine and past due amount by April 6, 1999.

Under 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. All entities that apply for certification

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receive a copy of our rules governing alternative local exchange 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. The RAF form was sent by certified mail to Annox for the period of January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, and the signed receipt was returned to us indicating that delivery was accomplished.

Americom paid its past due RAFs on March 26, 1999. Subsequently, on April 1, 1999, Mr. Andrew O. Kaplan contacted our staff and indicated that the company would pay all the past due charges and that it would propose a settlement offer. Americom agreed to pay future regulatory assessment fees in a timely manner and to contribute \$100 to the State General Revenue Fund.

We believe that the terms of the settlement agreement represent a fair and reasonable resolution of this matter. Accordingly, we hereby accept the settlement offer. Americom must comply with these requirements within five business days from the date this Order becomes final. The contribution will be forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. Upon remittance of the \$100 contribution, this docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Americom Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Network Utilization Services's settlement proposal summarized in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that Americom Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Network Utilization Services shall comply with the provisions of its approved settlement proposal within five (5) business days from the date that this Order becomes final.

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending receipt of the \$100 contribution. The contribution shall be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of the \$100 contribution, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 24th  
day of May, 1999.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn  
Kay Flynn, Chief  
Bureau of Records

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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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 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 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.