

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of Pay  
Telephone Certificate No. 3950  
issued to Nationwide  
Communications of Michigan, Inc.  
for violation of Rule 25-4.0161,  
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment  
Fees; Telecommunications  
Companies.

DOCKET NO. 991022-TC  
ORDER NO. PSC-99-2407-AS-TC  
ISSUED: December 8, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

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

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

Nationwide Communications of Michigan, Inc. (Nationwide Communications) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 3950, issued by the Commission on January 31, 1995, authorizing the provision of Pay Telephone service. The Division of Administration advised our staff by memorandum that Nationwide Communications had not paid the 1998 Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs). Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 1998 had not been paid. RAFs are required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code.

All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing Pay Telephone service. All applicants must attest that these rules have been received and understood by the applicant and an affidavit must be attached to the application in order for the application to be processed.

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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. The RAFs form was mailed to Nationwide Communications for the period of January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, on December 10, 1998. 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. However, pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the Commission shall provide at least a 45 days notice of the date the payment is due prior to the due date. Nationwide Communications was scheduled to remit its RAFs by February 1, 1999.

On August 31, 1999, Mr. Bob Miller, Nationwide Communications' representative, contacted our staff and requested information about this matter. He advised that Nationwide Communications would pay the past due amount and would make a settlement offer. On September 2, 1999, Nationwide Communications paid the past due RAFs, along with accrued statutory penalties and all except \$0.50 of the interest charges. At the September 7, 1999, Agenda Conference, we voted to cancel Nationwide Communications' certificate unless it paid a \$1,000 fine and the past due fees.

On September 9, 1999, Nationwide Communications proposed to contribute \$250 to the State General Revenue Fund and to pay future RAFs in a timely basis. Subsequently, on September 20, 1999, our staff contacted Nationwide Communications and advised that our staff could not recommend acceptance of the settlement and outlined other options. Order No. PSC-99-1866-PAA-TC was issued on September 21, 1999, reflecting the vote of the September 7, 1999, Agenda Conference.

On October 7, 1999, we received a letter from Ms. Susan Morley, attorney for Nationwide Communications, proposing to pay a settlement of \$500, pay the \$0.50 balance with the settlement, and advising that Nationwide Communications had taken steps to prevent late payments in the future.

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. Nationwide Communications must comply with these requirements within five business days from the date of issuance of this Order. The contribution will be forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section

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364.285(1), Florida Statutes. If Nationwide Communications fails to comply with this Order, its certificate will be canceled administratively. Upon remittance of the \$100 contribution or cancellation of the certificate, this docket shall be closed.

Based on the foregoing, it is

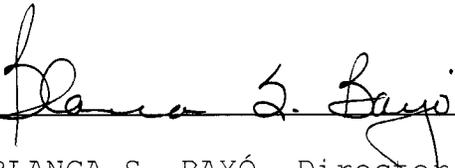
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Nationwide Communications of Michigan, Inc.'s settlement proposal summarized in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

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

ORDERED that if Nationwide Communications of Michigan, Inc. fails to comply with this Order, its Pay Telephone Certificate No. 3950 will be canceled administratively. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 8th day of December, 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.

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.

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FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (PEÑA) *vmp BK*  
RE: DOCKET NO. 991022-TC - CANCELLATION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION OF PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE NO. 3950  
ISSUED TO NATIONWIDE COMMUNICATIONS OF MICHIGAN, INC. FOR  
VIOLATION OF RULE 25-4.0161, F.A.C., REGULATORY  
ASSESSMENT FEES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES.

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Attached is an ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT, to be issued in the  
above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 4)

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Attachment  
cc: Division of Communications  
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