

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into  
appropriate methods to  
compensate carriers for exchange  
of traffic subject to Section  
251 of the Telecommunications  
Act of 1996.

DOCKET NO. 000075-TP  
ORDER NO. PSC-00-1468-PCO-TP  
ISSUED: August 14, 2000

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition, Focal Communications Corporation of Florida (Focal) has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. Focal states that it is certificated to provide local telecommunications services in Florida and will soon be extending its network to provide services in Florida. Focal states that the issues in this proceeding concern compensation methods for exchange of traffic subject to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). Focal explains that it will exchange such traffic with incumbent local exchange carriers in Florida according to interconnection agreements into which it intends to enter under the Act. Focal contends the Commission's decision in this proceeding, which is anticipated to have general applicability, will affect Focal's substantial interests, entitling it to participate as a party as a matter of law.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that Focal's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding because it operates as an alternative local exchange telecommunications company in Florida and the compensation methods that may be established in this proceeding would affect its interconnection agreements. Therefore, the Petition shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, Focal takes the case as it finds it.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition for Leave to Intervene filed by Focal Communications Corporation of Florida is hereby granted. It is further

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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:

Paul Rubey  
Focal Communications Corporation  
200 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1100  
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1914

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th day of August, 2000.



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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1)

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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 Records and Reporting, 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.

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