

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
Interexchange Telecommunications  
Certificate No. 2494 issued to  
Group Long Distance, Inc. for  
violation of Rule 25-4.0161,  
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment  
Fees; Telecommunications  
Companies.

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ORDER NO. PSC-01-0904-AS-TI  
ISSUED: April 9, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
LILA A. JABER  
BRAULIO L. BAEZ  
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

Group Long Distance, Inc. (Group Long Distance) obtained  
Certificate No. 2494 on February 12, 1992, to provide Interexchange  
Telecommunications services. Group Long Distance had not paid the  
1999 Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs). Also, accrued statutory  
penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year  
1999 had not been paid. RAFs are required by Section 364.336,  
Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate  
holders must pay a minimum annual RAFs 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 services.

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Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the RAFs forms, for the period of January 1, through December 31, are mailed to entities at least 45 days prior to the date that payment of the fee is due. Group Long Distance was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 31, 2000.

After this docket was opened, on September 5, 2000, Ms. Kelli Muhammad, representative of Telecom Compliance Services (TCS), Group Long Distance's consultant, contacted our staff and advised that payment had been made. On January 22, 2001, we received a letter from TCS explaining what had occurred, stated that it had taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future, and proposed to use to pay future regulatory assessment fees using the returns provided by the Commission. TCS apparently uses its own RAF returns for its clients. When completing Group Long Distance, Inc.'s RAF return for its IXC and ALEC certificates, TCS typed the ALEC company code for both returns. The Division of Administration posts the payments using the company code on the RAF returns. Therefore, both payments for the 1999 RAF had been posted to the ALEC certificate.

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. The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.337, and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Group Long Distance, Inc.'s settlement proposal set forth in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this docket is closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 9th  
day of April, 2001.

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.