

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
Alternative Local Exchange  
Telecommunications Certificate  
No. 4769 issued to Easy Phone,  
Inc. d/b/a Easy Tel, Inc. for  
violation of Rule 25-4.0161,  
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment  
Fees; Telecommunications  
Companies.

DOCKET NO. 011130-TX  
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0271-AS-TX  
ISSUED: March 1, 2002

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
BRAULIO L. BAEZ  
MICHAEL A. PALECKI  
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

Easy Phone, Inc. d/b/a Easy Tel, Inc. (Easy Tel, Inc.) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 4769, issued by the Commission on January 8, 1997, authorizing the provision of Alternative Local Exchange (ALEC) service. The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services advised our staff that Easy Tel, Inc. had not paid the Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, for the year 2000. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 2000 had not been paid. Easy Tel, Inc. was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 30, 2001.

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

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

02388 MAR-18

FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

ORDER NO. PSC-02-0271-AS-TX  
DOCKET NO. 011130-TX  
PAGE 2

January 30 of the subsequent year. 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. All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing ALEC service.

This is the second docket established for the same rule violation. In the prior docket, No. 992038-TX, the company paid the past due amount and proposed a \$100 settlement. On September 19, 2000, Order No. PSC-00-1679-AS-TX was issued, which accepted the settlement. The company paid the \$100 contribution and the docket was closed.

After this docket was established, on September 21, 2001, Mr. Peter Bucchieri, representative of Easy Tel, Inc. contacted our staff and requested the 2000 RAFs return notice and the company's options to resolve this docket. Easy Tel, Inc. has since paid the 2000 RAFs, including accrued statutory penalties and interest charges, offered to contribute \$500 to the State General Revenue Fund, and proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis.

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. Easy Tel, Inc. must comply with these requirements within 14 days from the date of issuance of this Order. The contribution should be identified with the docket number and the company name. Upon timely receipt, 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. Easy Tel, Inc. has waived any objection to the administrative cancellation of its certificate if it does not comply with its settlement agreement. Upon remittance of the \$500 contribution or cancellation of the certificate, this docket shall be closed. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.337, and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDER NO. PSC-02-0271-AS-TX  
DOCKET NO. 011130-TX  
PAGE 3

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Easy Phone, Inc. d/b/a Easy Tel, Inc.'s settlement proposal set forth in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

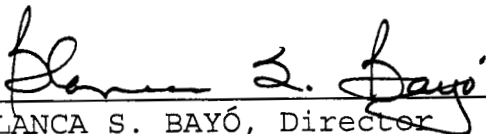
ORDERED that the settlement amount must be received within 14 days of the issuance of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending timely receipt of the \$500 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 Easy Phone, Inc. d/b/a Easy Tel, Inc. fails to comply with this Order, its certificate will be canceled administratively. It is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of the \$500 contribution or cancellation of the certificate this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 1st Day of March, 2002.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services

( S E A L )

JAE

ORDER NO. PSC-02-0271-AS-TX  
DOCKET NO. 011130-TX  
PAGE 4

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 the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 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 the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services 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.