

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
ALEC Certificate No. 7631 issued  
to Budget Comm for violation of  
Rule 25-4.0161, F.A.C.,  
Regulatory Assessment Fees;  
Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 020599-TX

In re: Cancellation by Florida  
Public Service Commission of  
ALEC Certificate No. 7728 issued  
to Soapstone Telecom LLC for  
violation of Rule 25-4.0161,  
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment  
Fees; Telecommunications  
Companies.

DOCKET NO. 020605-TX  
ORDER NO. PSC-02-1373-PAA-TX  
ISSUED: October 7, 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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER IMPOSING PENALTIES AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT  
REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES, OR CANCELING ALTERNATIVE LOCAL  
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service  
Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in  
nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are  
substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding,  
pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

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The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services advised our staff that the entities listed below 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 specified below. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year specified below had not been paid. The entities listed below were scheduled to remit their respective RAFs by January 30, 2002.

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. 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 Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications service.

<u>ENTITY'S NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE NO.</u>	<u>PAST DUE RAFS</u>	<u>PAST DUE PENALTIES AND INTEREST</u>
Budget Comm	7631	2001	2001
Soapstone Telecom LLC	7728	2001	2001

For the reason described above, pursuant to Rule 25-24.820(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we find it appropriate to cancel each entity's certificate for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, unless each entity pays a \$500 penalty and remits all past due RAFs, along with accrued statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission. Each entity must comply with these requirements within 14 days after the issuance of the Consummating Order, as explained in the Notice of Further Proceedings attached to this Order. The payment should be identified with the docket number and the company's name. The penalties will be remitted to the Office of

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the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund, pursuant to Section 364.285 (1), Florida Statutes.

When the appropriate fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and penalties are received, each docket shall be closed. Should any of the entities fail to comply with this Order within 14 days after the issuance of the Consummating Order, the entity shall have its certificate canceled, effective on the date of issuance of the Consummating Order; the collection of the past due fees shall be referred to the Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts; and the docket shall be closed. The cancellation of the certificate in no way diminishes any of the entity's obligation to pay applicable delinquent RAFs, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. If an entity's certificate is cancelled in accordance with this Order, that entity shall immediately cease and desist providing Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications services in Florida. 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

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that each of the entities listed herein shall pay the past due Regulatory Assessment Fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and a \$500 penalty to the Florida Public Service Commission for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, within 14 days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The penalties will be transmitted to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that should any of the entities fail to comply with this Order, that entity's certificate shall be canceled, effective on the date of issuance of the Consummating Order, the collection of the past due fees shall be referred to the Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts, and the respective docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate in no way diminishes any of the entities' obligation to pay applicable

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delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. It is further

ORDERED that if an entity's certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, that entity shall immediately cease and desist providing Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications services in Florida. It is further

ORDERED that any protest to the action proposed herein shall specify the entity or entities to which it applies. It is further

ORDERED that, if a protest to this Order is filed, the protest shall not prevent the action proposed herein from becoming final with regard to the remaining entities listed in this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, these dockets shall be closed upon payment of the penalties, and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificates.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 7th Day  
of October, 2002.

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

By: Kay Flynn  
Kay Flynn, Chief  
Bureau of Records and Hearing  
Services

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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 that is available under Section 120.57, 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 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.

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The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on October 28, 2002.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this/these docket(s) before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.