

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for  
certificate to provide  
interexchange telecommunications  
service by Essex Acquisition  
Corporation.

DOCKET NO. 030271-TI  
ORDER NO. PSC-03-0560-PAA-TI  
ISSUED: May 1, 2003

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of  
this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
BRAULIO L. BAEZ  
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY  
CHARLES M. DAVIDSON

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE TO PROVIDE  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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.

Essex Acquisition Corporation (Essex) has applied for a  
certificate to provide Interexchange Telecommunications (IXC)  
services pursuant to Section 364.337, Florida Statutes. Upon  
review of its application, it appears that Essex has sufficient  
technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such  
services. Accordingly, we hereby grant Certificate No. 8325 to  
Essex.

If this Order becomes final and effective, it shall serve as  
Essex's certificate. Essex should, therefore, retain this Order as

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

03977 MAY-1 8

FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

ORDER NO. PSC-03-0560-PAA-TI  
DOCKET NO. 030271-TI  
PAGE 2

proof of certification. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.335 and 364.337, Florida Statutes.

IXC providers are subject to Chapter 25-24, Florida Administrative Code, Part X, Rules Governing Telephone Service Provided by Interexchange Telephone Companies. IXC providers are also required to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-4, Florida Administrative Code.

In addition, under Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate holders must pay a minimum annual Regulatory Assessment Fee (RAFs) of \$50 if the certificate was active during any portion of the calendar year. A RAFs Return notice will be mailed each December to Essex for payment by January 30th. Neither the cancellation of the certificate nor the failure to receive a RAFs Return notice shall relieve Essex from its obligation to pay RAFs.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that we hereby grant Certificate No. 8325 to Essex Acquisition Corporation, which shall authorize it to provide Interexchange Telecommunications services, subject to the terms and conditions specified in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall serve as Essex Acquisition Corporation's certificate and should be retained by Essex Acquisition Corporation as proof of certification. 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, this docket shall be closed.

ORDER NO. PSC-03-0560-PAA-TI  
DOCKET NO. 030271-TI  
PAGE 3

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 1st  
Day of May, 2003.

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

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

( S E A L )

JPR

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.

ORDER NO. PSC-03-0560-PAA-TI  
DOCKET NO. 030271-TI  
PAGE 4

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 May 22, 2003.

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.