

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of PATS Certificate No. 7318 issued to Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a R Network for violation of Rule 25-24.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 031008-TC  
ORDER NO. PSC-04-0131-PAA-TC  
ISSUED: February 10, 2004

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER IMPOSING PENALTY AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF  
DELINQUENT REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES, OR  
CANCELING PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATE

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.

Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a R Network (Paramount) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 7318, issued by the Commission on DATE1, authorizing the provision of Pay Telephone (PATS) service. The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services advised our staff that Paramount 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(s) 2002. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year(s) 2002 had not been paid. Paramount was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 30, 2003.

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

01876 FEB 10 3

FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

Pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate holders must pay a minimum annual RAF 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 PATS service.

For the reason described above, pursuant to Rule 25-24.514(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we find it appropriate to cancel Paramount's certificate for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, unless Paramount pays a \$500 penalty and remits all past due RAFs, along with accrued statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission. Paramount must comply with these requirements within 14 days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The payment should be identified with the docket number and the company's name. The penalty will be remitted to the Department of Financial Services 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 penalty are received, this docket shall be closed. Should Paramount fail to comply with this Order within 14 days after the issuance of the Consummating Order, Paramount 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 Department of Financial Services for further collection efforts; and the docket shall be closed. The cancellation of the certificate in no way diminishes Paramount's obligation to pay applicable delinquent RAFs, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. If Paramount's certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, Paramount shall immediately cease and desist providing Pay Telephone services in Florida. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.3375, and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a R Network 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 penalty will be transmitted to the Department of Financial Services for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that should Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a R Network fail to comply with this Order, Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a

ORDER NO. PSC-04-0131-PAA-TC  
DOCKET NO. 031008-TC  
PAGE 3

R Network's Certificate No. 7318 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 Department of Financial Services for further collection efforts; and the docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate in no way diminishes Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a R Network's obligation to pay applicable delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. It is further

ORDERED that if Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a R Network's certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, Paramount International Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a R Network shall immediately cease and desist providing Pay Telephone services in Florida. 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 upon payment of the penalty, and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificate.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 10th day of February, 2004.

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

By:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kay Flynn, Chief  
Bureau of Records

( S E A L )

VSM

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.

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 March 2, 2004.

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.