

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for certificate to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications service by Vertex Communications, Inc. d/b/a Zenith Communications of Florida, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 041002-TX  
ORDER NO. PSC-04-1143-PAA-TX  
ISSUED: November 17, 2004

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE TO  
PROVIDE COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE  
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.

Vertex Communications, Inc. d/b/a Zenith Communications of Florida, Inc. (Vertex) has applied for a certificate to provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications (CLEC) service, pursuant to Section 364.337, Florida Statutes. Upon review of its application, it appears that Vertex has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial capability to provide such service. Accordingly, we hereby grant to Vertex Certificate No. 8539 which shall authorize it to provide CLEC services throughout the State of Florida.

If this Order becomes final and effective, it shall serve as Vertex's certificate. Vertex should, therefore, retain this Order as proof of certification. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.335 and 364.337, Florida Statutes.

CLEC providers are subject to Chapter 25-24, Florida Administrative Code, Part XV, Rules Governing Telecommunications Service Provided by Competitive Local Exchange

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Companies. CLEC providers are also required to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-4, Florida Administrative Code.

Pursuant to Section 364.337(2), Florida Statutes, basic telecommunications service provided by an CLEC "... must include access to operator services, "911" services, and relay services for the hearing impaired." Further, Section 364.337(2), requires that an CLEC's "911" service "... shall be provided at a level equivalent to that provided by the local exchange telecommunications company serving the same area."

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 Vertex for payment by January 30th. Neither the cancellation of the certificate nor the failure to receive a RAFs Return notice shall relieve Vertex 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. 8539 to Vertex Communications, Inc. d/b/a Zenith Communications of Florida, Inc., which shall authorize it to provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications services, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall serve as Vertex Communications, Inc. d/b/a Zenith Communications of Florida, Inc.'s certificate and should be retained by Vertex Communications, Inc. d/b/a Zenith Communications of Florida, Inc. 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 17th day of November, 2004.

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

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 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 December 8, 2004.

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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.