

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for waiver of carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, F.A.C., due to asset purchase agreement, whereby Tele Circuit Network Corporation will acquire substantially all local exchange assets of Deland Actel, Inc., including, but not limited to, Deland's customer accounts in the State of Florida.

DOCKET NO. 070611-TX
ORDER NO. PSC-07-0999-PAA-TX
ISSUED: December 12, 2007

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LISA POLAK EDGAR, Chairman
MATTHEW M. CARTER II
KATRINA J. McMURRIAN
NANCY ARGENZIANO
NATHAN A. SKOP

PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF THE CARRIER
SELECTION REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 25-4.118, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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.

I. Case Background

On September 21, 2007, Tele Circuit Network Corporation (TCNC) and Deland Actel, Inc. (Deland), both competitive local exchange telecommunications companies (CLECs), submitted a joint request for a waiver of the carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code.

TCNC is acquiring approximately 2,100 small business and residential customers currently served by Deland. TCNC seeks the waiver so it will not have to obtain each customer's authorization. With the waiver, TCNC can protect itself from possible complaints of unauthorized carrier changes (slamming). Customers will benefit because they will not be subject to a loss of service during the transfer.

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We are vested with jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Sections 364.02, 364.336, 364.337, and 364.603, Florida Statutes.

II. **Analysis and Decision**

Pursuant to Rule 25-4.118(1), Florida Administrative Code, a customer's carrier cannot be changed without the customer's authorization. Rule 25-4.118(2), Florida Administrative Code, provides that a carrier shall submit a change request only if one of the following has occurred:

- (a) The provider has a letter of agency (LOA) . . . from the customer requesting the change;
- (b) The provider has received a customer-initiated call for service . . . ;
- (c) A firm that is independent and unaffiliated with the provider . . . has verified the customer's requested change. . .

Pursuant to Rule 25-24.845, Florida Administrative Code, Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, is incorporated into Chapter 25-24, and applies to CLECs.

Section 364.337(2), Florida Statutes, states in pertinent part:

A certificated competitive local exchange telecommunications company may petition the commission for a waiver of some or all of the requirements of this chapter, except ss. 364.16, 364.336, and subsections (1) and (5). The commission may grant such petition if determined to be in the public interest.

The authority for Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, is found in Section 364.603, Florida Statutes, which is a section we are authorized to waive.

TCNC has attested that it will provide for a seamless transition while ensuring that the affected customers understand available choices with the least amount of disruption to the customers. Our staff has reviewed the notice that will be sent to Deland's customers and found it to be adequate. The customers should not experience any interruption of service, rate increase, or switching fees. In addition, TCNC has agreed to resolve any customer complaints that arise from issues occurring prior to the transfer. Neither TCNC nor Deland has any outstanding consumer complaints.

Further, neither TCNC nor Deland has any outstanding regulatory assessment fees, penalties or interest associated with its CLEC certification.

We find that in this instance it is appropriate to waive the carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code. If prior authorization is required in this event, customers may fail to respond to a request for authorization, neglect to select another carrier, and lose their local services. Furthermore, granting this waiver will avoid unnecessary slamming complaints during this transition.

Therefore, we hereby approve the request for waiver of the carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, in the transfer of Deland Actel, Inc.'s local customers to Tele Circuit Network Corporation.

If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket shall be closed administratively upon the issuance of a consummating order.

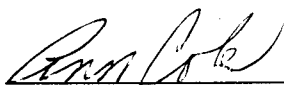
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tele Circuit Network Corporation and Deland Actel, Inc.'s joint request for a waiver of the carrier selection requirements of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code is granted. 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 Commission Clerk, 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 12th day of December, 2007.



ANN COLE
Commission Clerk

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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 Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on January 2, 2008.

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.