

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Initiation of show cause proceedings against Minimum Rate Pricing, Inc. For violation of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, Interexchange Carrier Selection.

DOCKET NO. 971482-TI
ORDER NO. PSC-98-0463-PCO-TI
ISSUED: March 31, 1998

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO RESPOND TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER

On November 13, 1997, our Staff initiated show cause proceedings against Minimum Rate Pricing, Inc., (MRP) for apparent violations of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, interexchange carrier selection.

On February 23, 1998, we issued Order No. PSC-98-0313-FOF-TI requiring MRP to show cause in writing why it should not be fined \$500,000.00 for apparent violations of Rule 25-4.118, Florida Administrative Code, interexchange carrier selection.

MRP filed a "Request for Extension of Time" dated March 13, 1998. In its request, Counsel for MRP asserts that he was not served with a copy of our Order until a March 11, 1997, meeting with Commission Staff. Counsel for MRP therefore claims that he does not have sufficient time to fashion an appropriate answer to the allegations contained in the Order.

Commission staff has informed me that MRP's Counsel failed to file a "Notice of Appearance" which would have alerted our Division of Records and Reporting to provide him a copy of our order. Moreover, MRP was served a copy of the Order at the address contained in the Master Commission Directory. Nevertheless, staff has confirmed to me that it is not opposed to MRP's motion. I hereby grant MRP's Request for Extension of Time to answer Order No. PSC-98-0313-FOF-TI. MRP's response will be due on April 7, 1998.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

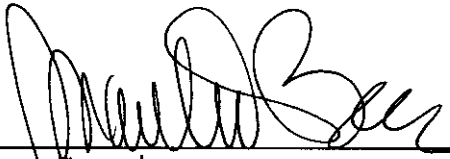
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ORDERED by Commissioner Joe Garcia as Prehearing Officer, that the date for filing an answer to Order No. PSC-98-0313-FOF-TI is extended as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-98-0313-FOF-TI is reaffirmed in all other respects.

By ORDER of Commissioner Joe Garcia as Prehearing Officer, this 31st Day of March, 1998.



Joe Garcia *ASST. TO:*
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, 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 or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: 1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review

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of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.