

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida
Public Service Commission of Pay
Telephone Certificate No. 3950
issued to Nationwide
Communications of Michigan, Inc.
for violation of Rule No. 25-
4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory
Assessment Fees;
Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 000940-TC
ORDER NO. PSC-01-0154-AS-TC
ISSUED: January 19, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

Nationwide Communications of Michigan, Inc. (Nationwide) obtained Certificate No. 3950 on January 31, 1995, to provide Pay Telephone service. Nationwide had not paid the 1999 Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs). Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 1999 had not been paid. RAFs are required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code. All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing Pay Telephone service.

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. The RAFs form was mailed to Nationwide for the period of January 1 through December 31. Pursuant to Rule 25-4.0161(2), Florida Administrative Code, the form and applicable fees are due to the Florida Public Service

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Commission by January 30 of the subsequent year. Nationwide was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 31, 2000. As of July 25, 2000, Nationwide had not paid the required fees.

After this docket was opened, on August 21, 2000, Pam Keillor, representative of Nationwide, called our staff and advised that the past due amount would be paid, and Nationwide would propose a settlement offer. On October 23, 2000, we received the 1999 RAFs, including accrued statutory penalties and interest charges, and a settlement proposal. Subsequently, on November 14, 2000, we received Nationwide's amended settlement proposal, in this settlement Nationwide proposed to contribute \$1000 to the State General Revenue Fund, and to pay future RAFs on a timely basis.

We believe that the terms of the settlement agreement represent a fair and reasonable resolution of this matter. Accordingly, we hereby accept the settlement offer. Nationwide must comply with these requirements within ten business days from the date this Order becomes final. The contribution should be identified with the docket number and the company name. Upon timely receipt, the contribution will be forwarded to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State General Revenue Fund pursuant to Section 364.285(1), Florida Statutes. Upon remittance of the \$1000 contribution or cancellation of the certificate, this docket shall be closed. The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336 and 364.285, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Nationwide Communications of Michigan, Inc.'s settlement proposal set forth in the body of this Order is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending receipt of the \$1000 contribution. The contribution will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

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ORDERED that if Nationwide Communications of Michigan, Inc. fails to comply with this Order, its certificate will be canceled administratively. It is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of the \$1000 contribution or cancellation of the certificate this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 19th day of January, 2001.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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 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.

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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) 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 and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.