BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of Pay Telephone Certificate No. 5607 issued to Payphone Connection Inc. for violation of Rules 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies.

In re: Cancellation by Florida
Public Service Commission of Pay
Telephone Certificate No. 5896
issued to NorthStar
Telecommunications, Inc. for
violation of Rule 25-4.0161,
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment
Fees; Telecommunications
Companies.

In re: Cancellation by Florida
Public Service Commission of Pay
Telephone Certificate No. 5974
issued to Parallel Foundation,
Inc. for violation of Rule 254.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory
Assessment Fees;
Telecommunications Companies.

DOCKET NO. 010516-TC

DOCKET NO. 010531-TC

DOCKET NO. 010544-TC ORDER NO. PSC-01-1607-PAA-TC ISSUED: August 3, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER IMPOSING FINES AND REQUIRING PAYMENT
OF DELINQUENT REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES, OR
CANCELING PAY TELEPHONE CERTIFICATES

ODCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

FREC-COM. ILLIAN CLERK

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.

The entities listed below have 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) specified below. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges have not been paid.

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. All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing Pay Telephone service.

Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the RAFs forms, for the period of January 1, through December 31, are mailed to the entities at least 45 days prior to the date that payment of the fee is due. The entities have been given adequate opportunity to pay. As of the date of the vote, the entities have not paid the required fees.

This is the second docket opened against each company for nonpayment of the RAF. In Docket No. 991193-TC, Order No. PSC-99-2217-AS-TC was issued on November 10, 1999, which accepted Payphone Connection Inc.'s settlement offer. The company paid the past due amount, proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis, and offered to pay a \$100 contribution. The company paid the \$100 contribution, and the docket was closed.

In Docket No. 991336-TC, Order No. PSC-00-0071-AS-TC was issued on January 7, 2000, which accepted NorthStar Telecommunications, Inc.'s settlement offer. The company paid the past due amount, proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis, and

offered to pay a \$200 contribution. The company paid the \$200 contribution, and the docket was closed.

In Docket No. 991348-TC, Order No. PSC-00-0376-AS-TC was issued on February 22, 2000, which accepted Parallel Foundation, Inc.'s settlement offer. The company paid the past due amount, proposed to pay future RAFs on a timely basis, and offered to pay a \$100 contribution. The company paid the \$100 contribution, and the docket was closed.

For the reason described above, pursuant to Rule 25-24.514(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we find it appropriate to cancel each entity's certificate for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, unless each entity pays a \$1,000 fine and remits all past due RAFs, along with accrued statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission. Each entity must comply with these requirements within five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The payment should be identified with the docket number and the entity's name. The fines will be remitted to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund, pursuant to Section 364.285 (1), Florida Statutes.

ENTITY'S NAME	CERTIFICATE <u>NO.</u>	PAST DUE <u>RAFS</u>	PAST DUE PENALTIES AND INTEREST
Payphone Connection inc.	5607	2000	2000
NorthStar Telecommunications, Inc.	5896	2000	1998(bal.), 2000
Parallel Foundation, Inc.	5974	2000	2000

When the appropriate fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and fines are received, each Docket shall be closed. Should any of the entities fail to comply with this Order within five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order, the entity 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 Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts, and the Docket shall be closed.

The cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the Docket in no way diminishes any of the entity's obligation to pay applicable delinquent RAFs, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. The Commission is 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 each of the entities listed herein must pay the past due Regulatory Assessment Fees, statutory penalties, interest charges, and a \$1,000 fine 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 five business days after the issuance of the Consummating Order. The fines will be transmitted to the Office of the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that should any of the entities fail to comply with this Order, that entity's certificate 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 Office of the Comptroller for further collection efforts, and the respective Docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the docket in no way diminishes any of the entities' obligation to pay applicable delinquent Regulatory Assessment Fees, and accrued statutory penalties and interest charges. It is further

ORDERED that any protest to the action proposed herein shall specify the entity or entities to which it applies. It is further

ORDERED that, if a protest to this Order is filed, the protest shall not prevent the action proposed herein from becoming final with regard to the remaining entities listed in this Order. 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, these Dockets shall be closed upon payment of the fines, and fees, or upon cancellation of the certificates.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>3rd</u> Day of <u>August</u>, <u>2001</u>.

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

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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 August 24, 2001.

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 docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.