## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida
Public Service Commission of
Alternative Local Exchange
Telecommunications Certificate
No. 5802 issued to Ripple
Communications, Inc. for
violation of Rules 25-4.0161,
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment
Fees; Telecommunications
Companies, and 25-24.835,
F.A.C., Records & Reports; Rules
Incorporated.

DOCKET NO. 011150-TX
ORDER NO. PSC-01-2379-PAA-TX
ISSUED: December 10, 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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER GRANTING VOLUNTARY CANCELLATION OF
ALTERNATIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CERTIFICATE

## 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.

Ripple Communications, Inc. (Ripple Communications) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5802, issued by the Commission on DATE1, authorizing the provision of Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications service. The

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Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services advised our staff that Ripple Communications had 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 2000. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 2000 had not been paid. Ripple Communications was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 30, 2001.

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. Pursuant to Section 350.113(4), Florida Statutes, the RAFs forms, for the period of January 1, through December 31, are mailed to entities at least 45 days prior to the date that payment of the fee is due. All entities that apply for certification receive a copy of our rules governing Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications service.

After this docket was established, on September 10, 2001, Ms. Dixi Dougherty, representative of Ripple Communications, contacted our staff and requested the company's options to resolve this docket. Ripple Communications has since paid the 2000 and 2001 RAFs, including accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for the year 2000 and requested voluntary cancellation of its certificate. Accordingly, we find it appropriate to cancel Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate No. 5802, effective September 21, 2001. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.285, and 364.335, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Ripple Communications, Inc.'s Certificate No. 5802 to provide Alternative Local Exchange Telecommunications services is hereby canceled, effective September 21, 2001. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance

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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 <u>10th</u> Day of <u>December</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.

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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 31, 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.