

**REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DOCKET**  
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Date August 16, 2002 Docket No. 020895-TP

1. Division Name/Staff Name: Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement/Isler

2. OPR: Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement/Isler

3. OCR: Office of the General Counsel

4. Suggested Docket Title: Bankruptcy Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of IXC Certificate No. 7474 and ALEC Certificate No. 7473 issued to ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. ,  
Effective 08/12/02

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)  
A. Provide NAMES OR ACRONYMS ONLY if a regulated company.  
B. Provide COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS for all others. (Match representatives to companies.)  
1. Parties and their representatives (if any):

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2. Interested persons and their representatives (if any):

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August 12, 2002

Paula Isler  
State of Florida  
Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: *ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. (TJ365) and TX430*

Dear Ms. Isler:

I received your correspondence of July 26, 2002 when I returned from my vacation. As of today, ConnectSouth has no continuing operations and a plan of liquidation was confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court several months ago. To my knowledge, there is no reason for the Florida Public Service Commission to maintain ConnectSouth's IXC and ALEC certificates. Please contact me should you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,  


Eric J. Taube  
For the Firm

EJT/sas

cc: Ron Ingalls  
Jack Partain  
Chris Nines  
Mark Taylor

July 26, 2002

**STATE OF FLORIDA**



**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD  
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850**

**TO:**

Eric Taube

VOICE: 512-472-5997  
FAX: 512-472-5248

**FROM:**

Paula Isler

Voice: (850) 413-6502

Fax: (850) 413-6503

**RE:**

ConnectSouth Communications of  
Florida, Inc. (TJ365 and TX430)

Dear Mr. Taube:

Last year, the Commission received a letter dated March 21, 2001 from Ms. Patricia Ana Garcia Escobedo with ConnectSouth advising the company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Case No. 01-10851-M) protection. Ms. Escobedo's letter included a copy of a letter mailed to customers on February 23, 2001 advising of the pending bankruptcy and that the customers should select another carrier on or before March 24, 2001. Ms. Escobedo stated that she would contact the Commission at a later time regarding certification.

As of this date, we have not heard back from ConnectSouth. The company's telephone numbers and website are no longer working and we've had returned mail. Could you please advise us on the status of the bankruptcy case? Does ConnectSouth still exist? Can the Florida Public Service Commission cancel ConnectSouth's IXC and ALEC certificates? I would appreciate any information you can provide.

Paula Isler  
Florida Public Service Commission

## MCD Company Information for TJ365

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Company Code: TJ365  
Complete Name: ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
Mailing Name: ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
Certificate No(s): 7474  
Status: Active  
Regulation Date: 07/05/2000  
Bankruptcy: Yes  
Company Liaison #1: Patricia Ann Garcia Escobedo  
Title:  
Mailing Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
  
Physical Location: Austin, TX 78759-6301  
9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
  
Phone: Austin, TX 78759-6301  
Fax: (512) 681-9224  
(512) 681-9010  
  
Related Dockets: 000293-TI  
Application for certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications service by ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.

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## MCD Company Information for TX430

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Company Code: TX430  
Complete Name: ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
Mailing Name: ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
Certificate No(s): 7473  
Status: Active  
Regulation Date: 07/05/2000  
Bankruptcy: Yes  
Company Liaison #1: Christopher E. Hugman  
Title: VP Operations & General Manager  
Mailing Address: 9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
  
Physical Location: Austin, TX 78759-6301  
960 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250, East  
  
Phone: Austin, TX 78759-6301  
(512) 681-9000  
Fax: (512) 681-9020  
  
Related Dockets:  
  
000284-TX Application for certificate to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications service by ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
  
011431-TX Compliance investigation of ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. for apparent violation of Section 364.183(1), F.S., Access to Company Records.

State of Florida



Public Service Commission  
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**DATE:** June 28, 2002  
**TO:** Paula Isler, Division of Competitive Markets & Enforcement  
**FROM:** Sandy Moses, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services *SM*  
**RE:** Returned Mail - ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. (Company Code TJ365)

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Mail addressed to the organization at the address shown below has been returned to the Commission by the U.S. Postal Service for the reason indicated on the attached copy of the envelope. Staff in the Hearing Services Section has confirmed that the address matches that in the Master Commission Directory. Attempts to contact the company by telephone and e-mail have been unsuccessful.

ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
Austin, TX 78759-6301

If you are successful in contacting the company, please furnish current mailing and location addresses as well as any other updated MCD information you obtain. Thank you for assisting this division in maintaining current information in the Master Commission Directory.

SM/lkf  
Attachment

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DIVISION OF  
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State of Florida

# Public Service Commission

2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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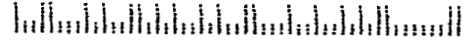
*TJ 365*

ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
Austin TX 7875

*Patricia Ann Garcia Escobedo  
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:CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS INC  
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AUSTIN TX 78759-5618  
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DIRECTOR  
(850) 413-6600

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## Public Service Commission

June 14, 2002

### CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Christopher E. Hugman  
ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
Austin, TX 78759-6301

#### Re: Inactive Status - Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations

Dear Mr. Hugman:

The purpose of this correspondence is to notify you that ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.'s (ConnectSouth Communications) registration with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, has expired. Apparently, ConnectSouth Communications' registration was revoked on September 21, 2001, for its failure to file an annual report.

Rule Nos. 25-24.805, 25-24.810, and 25-24.815, Florida Administrative Code, incorporate Form PSC/CMP 8 (11/95), Application Form for Authority to Provide Alternative Local Exchange Service Within the State of Florida. As required by Form PSC/CMP 8 (11/95), an applicant must provide proof of authority to operate in Florida by providing its registration number with the Florida Department of State. During the certification process, the Commission verifies that an applicant is actively registered with the Florida Department of State. As long as ConnectSouth Communications retains a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide alternative local exchange telecommunications services in Florida, it should actively maintain its registration with the Department of State.

Please respond to this letter in writing by July 15, 2002. In your response, please provide documentation indicating that ConnectSouth Communications has been reinstated by the Florida Department of State. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 850-413-6546.

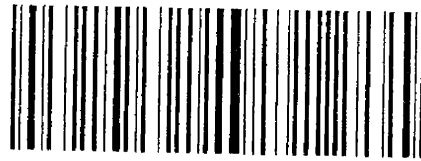
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Fondo".

Angela Fondo  
Bureau of Service Quality

State of Florida  
**Public Service Commission**  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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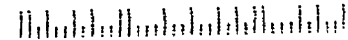
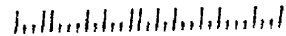
Mr. Christopher E. Hugman  
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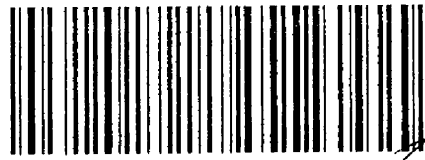


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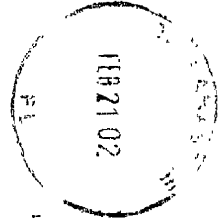
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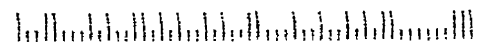
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NOTIFY SENDER OF NEW ADDRESS  
CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS INC

32399/0850  
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STATE OF FLORIDA

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## Public Service Commission

February 20, 2002

TJ365-01-0-D  
ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc.  
9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 250 East  
Austin, TX 78759-6301

Dear Certificate Holder:

The Division of the Commission's Clerk and Administrative Services has forwarded your account to our office to address the nonpayment of the Regulatory Assessment Fees (RAFs) required by Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, for the year 2001, which was due January 30, 2002. The RAFs return form was mailed to you on **December 15, 2001**, and to date, Commission records reflect that payment has not been received.

According to Florida Law, you are required to add interest charges at 12% per annum, and a 5% penalty for each 30-day period or fraction thereof, beyond the due date, up to a maximum of 25% in addition to the delinquent amount due. In addition, pursuant to Section 364.285, Florida Statutes, the Commission is authorized to impose upon any entity subject to its jurisdiction a penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each offense, if such entity is found to have refused to comply with or to have willfully violated any lawful rule or order of the Commission, or any provision of Chapter 364.

Utilities are charged with knowledge of our rules and statutes. Moreover, it is general Commission practice that all utilities that apply for **Interexchange Telephone** certificate receive a copy of all applicable rules. Further, in accordance with Section 364.335, Florida Statutes, as part of the application process, utilities provide an affidavit indicating that they have read and understood the applicable rules.

If you wish to request another form, please contact Jackie Knight at the number below. The payment should be identified with the company code and the company's name. Failure to provide payment within 15 days of this notice will result in the establishment of a docket to address your failure to return the RAFs form and pay RAFs in accordance with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code. As specified above, pursuant to Section 364.285, Florida Statutes, the Commission may impose a fine or cancel your telecommunications certificate. Therefore, it is important that you address this matter now.

If you have paid your fees, please provide us with your check number and the date that it was paid.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter please contact **Jackie Knight** at (850) 413-6267 or via Internet e-mail at [jknight@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:jknight@psc.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold McLean".

**Harold McLean**  
General Counsel

KMP  
Enclosure

cc: Jackie Knight, Bureau of Administrative Services/Fiscal Services Section

State of Florida



# Public Service Commission

## -M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

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**DATE:** March 27, 2001  
**TO:** Paula Isler, Division of Competitive Services  
**FROM:** Nonnye Grant, Division of Records and Reporting *nbg*  
**RE:** Bankruptcy Notice

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Forwarding copy of the following bankruptcy notice that I have received for your information, review and verification:

1. ConnectSouth Communications of Florida, Inc. (TJ365 and TX430)

I found the above companies listed in MCD and have marked both as being in "Bankruptcy" status, since Ms. Patricia Ana Garcia Escobedo was the liaison for TJ365 and the addresses for both were the same.

Please advise if this is correct and if you find any other company that should be marked accordingly.

Thanks for your help.

/nbg  
Attachment (1)

2001 MAR 28 PM 3:30  
COMPETITIVE SERVICES



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Updated 3-27-01

March 21, 2001

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Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32299-0850

*ConnectSouth Communications  
of Florida, Inc.*

**RE: CONNECTSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS CLOSING OPERATIONS**

Records and Reporting:

*TJ 365 TX 430*

ConnectSouth Communications, Inc., the parent of the ConnectSouth Communications entity that operates in your state or was certified to operate in your state, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, on March 13, 2001, Cause No. 01-10851-M.

ConnectSouth has ceased operations, but intends to sell its assets (central office facilities, equipment, customers, collocations, interconnection agreements, etc.) in place at the highest possible value. ConnectSouth, therefore, has requested that the Bell Operating Company take no action regarding the ConnectSouth interconnection agreements and collocations in each state until such time as ConnectSouth completes its bid liquidation process. Upon completion of the bid liquidation, ConnectSouth will provide the Commission further notice of the outcome. ConnectSouth seeks no action by the Commission regarding the ConnectSouth certification and tariffs at this time.

ConnectSouth Internet, Inc., the sole wholesale customer of the operating ConnectSouth entity, notified customers on February 23, 2001, and provided a partial list of alternate providers from which customers could obtain service. A copy of the customer notification is enclosed.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 512-681-9224.

Sincerely,

*Pat Escobedo*

Patricia Ana Garcia Escobedo  
Regulatory Attorney

*- tel. 512 73365*

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cc: Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

*Hay & Donny*

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

03822 MAR 26 01

February 23, 2001

Dear Valued ConnectSouth Customer,

We regret to inform you that, due to the dramatic downturn in the financial markets, ConnectSouth Communications, Inc. will be permanently ceasing operations. This letter is to notify you that ConnectSouth intends to liquidate the business in an orderly fashion. Based on information currently available, it is anticipated that the permanent termination of the network and business services currently provided by ConnectSouth will take place on or before March 24, 2001.

To ensure that you do not experience difficulties with your service, we recommend that you make arrangements to transfer your service to another provider before March 2, 2001. ConnectSouth has prepared a partial listing of organizations that currently provide service in your area. That listing is provided below.

We thank you for your understanding as we continue to work through this difficult period and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has caused your organization.

Please direct all inquiries to our toll-free customer hotline 888-797-6884 or email to xxx@connectsouth.com.

**Market**

**Partial List of Alternate Providers**

|                     |                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Birmingham, AL      | BellSouth, XO, Covad, Verio        |
| Mobile, AL          | BellSouth                          |
| New Orleans, LA     | BellSouth, XO, Covad, Verio        |
| Biloxi-Gulfport, MS | BellSouth                          |
| Baton Rouge, LA     | BellSouth, Xspedius                |
| Huntsville, AL      | BellSouth                          |
| Jackson, MS         | BellSouth                          |
| Lafayette, LA       | BellSouth, Xspedius                |
| Montgomery, AL      | BellSouth                          |
| Memphis, TN         | BellSouth, XO, Verio               |
| Charlotte, NC       | BellSouth, XO, Covad, Verio        |
| Raleigh, NC         | BellSouth, XO, Covad, Verio, NuVox |
| Greensboro, NC      | BellSouth, XO, Verio, NuVox        |
| Greenville, SC      | BellSouth, NuVox                   |
| Columbia, SC        | BellSouth                          |
| Charleston, SC      | BellSouth, NuVox                   |
| Asheville, NC       | BellSouth                          |
| Wilmington, NC      | BellSouth, NuVox                   |
| Anderson, SC        | BellSouth                          |
| Knoxville, TN       | BellSouth, NuVox                   |
| Chattanooga, TN     | BellSouth                          |
| Nashville, TN       | BellSouth, XO, Verio, NuVox        |

**Market****Partial List of Alternate Providers**

|                   |                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Oklahoma City, OK | SBC, Verizon, NuVox                  |
| Tulsa, OK         | SBC, Verizon, New Edge, NuVox        |
| Topeka, KS        | SBC, Verizon                         |
| Wichita, KS       | SBC, Verizon, New Edge, NuVox        |
| Kansas City, MO   | BellSouth, XO, Verizon, Verio, NuVox |
| Kansas City, KS   | BellSouth, XO, Verizon, Verio, NuVox |
| Springfield, MO   | BellSouth, NuVox                     |
| Amarillo, TX      | SBC, Verizon, New Edge               |
| Lubbock, TX       | SBC, Verizon, New Edge               |
| San Antonio, TX   | SBC, XO, Verizon, Verio              |
| Austin, TX        | SBC, XO, Verizon, Verio              |
| Waco, TX          | SBC, Verizon, New Edge               |

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|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| XO       | (800) 539-0214                                                               |
| Covad    | (408) 844-7500                                                               |
| Verio    | (800) 438-8374                                                               |
| Xspedius | (800) 673-1900                                                               |
| NuVox    | (800) 800-9681 southwest<br>(877) 500-1241 midwest                           |
| Verizon  | (800) 483-4450                                                               |
| New Edge | (360) 693-9009                                                               |
| SBC      | (888) 792-0999                                                               |
| BST      | (your area code) 780-2885 NC, SC<br>(your area code) 557-2885 AL, LA, MS, TN |

If you are a web hosting or online backup customer, please go to our web site at [www.connectsouth.com/info/hostingservices](http://www.connectsouth.com/info/hostingservices) for additional directions.