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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida Public Service Commission of ALEC Certificate No. 7451 issued to AMAFLA Telecom, Inc. for violation of Rules 25-4.0161, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees; Telecommunications Companies and 25-24.835, F.A.C., Rules Incorporated.

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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

> LILA A. JABER, Chairman DEPOSI J. TERRY DEASON BRAULIO L. BAEZ MICHAEL A. PALECKI RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

AMAFLA Telecom, Inc. (AMAFLA) currently holds Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 7451, issued by the Commission on May 30, 2000, authorizing the provision of Alternative Local Exchange (ALEC) Telecommunications service. The Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services advised our staff that AMAFLA 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 2001. Also, accrued statutory penalties and interest charges for late RAFs payments for the year 2001 had not been paid. AMAFLA was scheduled to remit its RAFs by January 30, 2002.

Pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, certificate holders must pay a minimum annual RAFs 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

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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 ALEC Telecommunications service.

After this docket was established, on July 18, 2002, Luis Chumaceiro, President of AMAFLA, contacted our staff and requested the 2001 RAFs return notice and the company's options to resolve this docket. AMAFLA has since paid the 2001 RAFs, including accrued statutory penalties and interest charges, offered to contribute \$200 to the State General Revenue Fund, and proposed 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. AMAFLA must comply with these requirements within 14 days from the date of issuance of this Order. 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. AMAFLA has waived any objection to the administrative cancellation of its certificate if it does not comply with its settlement agreement. Upon remittance of the \$200 contribution or cancellation of the certificate, this docket shall be closed. If AMAFLA's certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, AMAFLA shall immediately cease and desist providing ALEC telecommunications services in Florida. We are vested with jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 364.336, 364.337 and 364.285, 364.183, Florida Statutes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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

ORDER that the settlement amount must be received within 14 days of the issuance of this Order. It is further

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ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending timely receipt of the \$200 contribution. The contribution will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that if AMAFLA Telecom, Inc. fails to comply with this Order, its certificate will be canceled administratively. It is further

ORDERED that if AMAFLA Telecom, Inc.'s certificate is canceled in accordance with this Order, AMAFLA Telecom, Inc. shall immediately cease and desist providing alternative local exchange telecommunications services in Florida. It is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of the \$200 contribution or cancellation of the certificate this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>6th</u> Day of <u>September</u>, <u>2002</u>.

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

By: /s/ Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records and Hearing
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