

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Cancellation by Florida
Public Service Commission of
Interexchange Telecommunications
Certificate No. 3563 issued to
Nationwide Long Distance, Inc.
for violation of Rule 25-4.0161,
F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment
Fees.

DOCKET NO. 970930-TI
ORDER NO. PSC-97-1055-FOF-TI
ISSUED: September 9, 1997

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
DIANE K. KIESLING
JOE GARCIA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER IMPOSING FINE AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF
REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES OR CANCELING
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE AND DIRECTING
CERTIFICATED INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS
TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE

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.

Nationwide Long Distance, Inc. (NLDI or the company), an
interexchange telecommunications carrier (IXC), currently holds
certificate of public convenience and necessity number 3563, issued
by the Commission on June 28, 1994, authorizing the provision of
interexchange telecommunications service. NLDI has not paid its
1996 regulatory assessment fee as required by Section 364.336,
Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code.
The regulatory assessment fee form was mailed to NLDI in December,
1996, for the period of January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996.

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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 31, 1997, for the period ending December 31, 1996. NLDI was notified of its delinquency on February 28, 1997. The company has been given adequate opportunity to pay. To date, our staff's correspondence regarding the regulatory assessment fee has been returned by the post office, and NLDI has not paid the required fee.

For the reason described above, pursuant to Rule 25-24.474(1)(b) and (c), Florida Administrative Code, we find it appropriate to cancel NLDI's certificate, unless the company pays a \$500 fine for failure to comply with Section 364.336, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-4.0161, Florida Administrative Code, and remits the past due regulatory assessment fee, along with statutory penalties and interest charges, to the Florida Public Service Commission. NLDI shall comply with these requirements within five business days from the date this Order becomes final. The fine shall be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund, pursuant to Section 364.516, Florida Statutes.

When the appropriate fee, statutory penalties, interest charges, and the fine are received, this docket shall be closed. Should NLDI fail to comply with this Order within five business days from the date this Order becomes final, NLDI shall have its certificate canceled and the docket will be closed. The cancellation of a certificate and the closing of the docket in no way diminishes NLDI's obligation to pay the applicable delinquent regulatory assessment fee, statutory penalties, and interest charges.

Should NLDI's certificate be canceled, all certificated interexchange carriers in the State of Florida are instructed to discontinue service to NLDI, pursuant to Rule 25-24.4701(3), Florida Administrative Code, Provision of Regulated Telecommunications Service to Uncertificated Resellers Prohibited. Any certificated interexchange carriers providing service to NLDI shall contact the Commission at the conclusion of the response period indicated herein in order to determine the status of NLDI's certificate.

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Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Nationwide Long Distance, Inc. shall pay the past due regulatory assessment fee, statutory penalties, interest charges, and a \$500 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 from the date this Order becomes final. The fine will be transmitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the State of Florida General Revenue Fund. It is further

ORDERED that should Nationwide Long Distance, Inc. fail to comply with this Order, Nationwide Long Distance, Inc.'s certificate shall be canceled, and the docket shall be closed. It is further

ORDERED that the cancellation of the certificate and the closing of the docket in no way diminishes Nationwide Long Distance, Inc.'s obligation to pay the applicable delinquent regulatory assessment fees, statutory penalties, and interest charges. It is further

ORDERED that all certificated interexchange telecommunication providers shall discontinue service to Nationwide Long Distance, Inc. if it is verified at the conclusion of the response period set forth in this Order that Nationwide Long Distance, Inc.'s certificate has been cancelled. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed upon payment of the fine, the regulatory assessment fee, penalties and interest charges, or upon cancellation of the certificate.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 9th
day of September, 1997.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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.

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 and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on September 30, 1997.

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In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party substantially affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water 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 of the effective date 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.