

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
April 24, 2000**

CASE NO: TD-2000-628

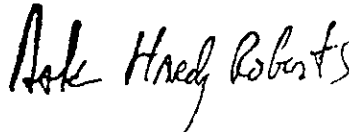
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Request of Paul V.)
Slatinsky, for Cancellation of the)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) Case No. TD-2000-628
Private Pay Telephone Service within the)
State of Missouri)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF INVESTIGATION

On April 6, 2000, Paul V. Slatinsky (Slatinsky) sent a letter, asking the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to cancel his certificate of authority to provide private pay telephone service in the State of Missouri. The Commission granted Slatinsky a certificate of authority as a provider of coin operated consumer telephone services in case number TA-96-387 on June 11, 1996.

Slatinsky stated in his letter that he held a certificate either under the name of PhoneMaster or his individual name. No certificate could be found in the name of PhoneMaster, but only in the individual name of Slatinsky. Slatinsky stated that he received a letter from the Commission in June of 1999, about his assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, totaling \$22.65. Slatinsky stated that at that time he knew he was going to be selling his business. (In his letter, Slatinsky does not state what kind of business he was in; the Commission assumes that Slatinsky is speaking of his payphone business.) That is why, he stated, he only paid the payment due for July 15, 1999, i.e., Slatinsky paid only the quarterly payment allowed under Commission rules.

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Slatinsky says that he then sold his business in August of 1999, so therefore, he says, he does not owe the remainder of the assessment. Slatinsky stated that he received a letter from the Commission dated March 24, 2000, stating that he was delinquent in the payment of his account. He states that he understood how this happened since he admits failing to request that his payphone certificate be canceled since he thought he might later decide to get back in the business.

In his letter, however, Slatinsky requested that he have his certificate canceled. Slatinsky does not ask that his delinquent assessment be waived; however, the Commission assumes that Slatinsky does not want to pay the \$16.98 assessment due April 15, 2000.

Section 392.300(1), RSMo 1994, states, in part:

No telecommunications company shall hereafter sell, assign, lease, transfer, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or encumber the whole or any part of its franchise, facilities or system, necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, nor by any means, direct or indirect, merge or consolidate such line or system, or franchises, or any part thereof, with any other corporation, person or public utility, without having first secured from the commission an order authorizing it so to do. Every such sale, assignment, lease, transfer, mortgage, disposition, encumbrance, merger or consolidation made other than in accordance with the order of the commission authorizing the same shall be void.

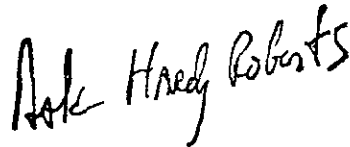
The Commission will direct its Staff to investigate and file a report and recommendation concerning Slatinsky's request to cancel his certificate, his request to waive assessments, and the purported transfer of his facilities.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than May 24, 2000, at 3:00 p.m., the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report and recommendation as discussed herein.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 4, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

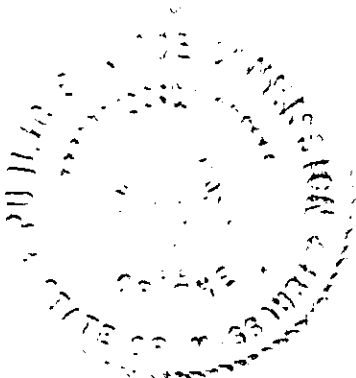
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of April, 2000.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 24th day of April 2000.



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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge