

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
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DATE: April 13, 2018

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Shepherd *KS*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Kay Marinos *JE BK KM*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: Request to cancel certificate of authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon of carrier who violated the terms and conditions of their certificate.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the certificate of authority to provide telecommunications services for the competitive provider listed below be canceled.

**DISCUSSION:**

ORS 759.020 authorizes the Commission to grant certificates of authority to competitive providers who intend to provide telecommunications service in Oregon. The Commission grants certificates with conditions. Among them are OAR 860-032-0060 which requires providers to submit annual reports to the Commission and OAR 860-032-0095 which requires providers to pay an annual revenue fee and submit an annual fee statement. In addition, ORS 759.425 and OAR 860-033-0006 require providers to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) and Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) requirements, respectively. Pursuant to OAR 860-032-0008(2) and OAR 860-032-0015(1)(b), failure to comply with applicable statutes and rules can result in cancellation of a company's authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon.

The following competitive provider notified the Commission via email in August 2017 that it had gone out of business. Staff advised the provider on how to request cancellation of its certificate of authority. However, the provider did not file the required request. The Commission subsequently received notice that the provider filed for bankruptcy. Since that time, the provider has not:

1. Filed a 2017 annual report;
2. Filed an original, signed 2017 annual fee statement or paid the annual fee;
3. Complied with OUSF requirements for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2017, and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018; and
4. Complied with RSPF requirements from August 2017 through March 2018.

ORS 756.515(4) provides that the Commission may, after investigation, but without hearing, make such findings and orders as deemed justified by the results of its investigation. As a result of not complying with Commission rules and terms of its certificate, the following competitive provider should have its certificate of authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon canceled.

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**COMPANY NAME**

iNetworks Group, Inc.

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0720, the company has 60 days to file for reconsideration of this cancellation.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Cancel the certificate of authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon for the competitive provider listed above.