

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 7, 2021**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** August 26, 2021

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Kathy Shepherd

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway and Michael Dougherty **SIGNED**

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) cancel the certificates of authority to provide telecommunications services for the competitive providers listed below.

**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 860-100-0110 require providers to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) requirements. 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 providers have failed to:

1. File a 2020 Annual Report Form L or C;
2. File an original, signed 2020 Annual Fee Statement or pay the annual fee; and/or
3. Comply with OUSF requirements for 2020 and 2021.

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 their certificates, the following competitive providers should have their certificates of authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon canceled.

**DOCKET NO.**

**COMPANY NAME**

CP 1605  
CP 606  
CP 1511  
CP 1153

Fiber Connect Oregon, LLC  
Lotel, Inc.  
Norstar Telecommunications, LLC  
Rural Services Company

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

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Cancel the certificates of authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon for the competitive providers listed above.