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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of MERITEL GROUP INC.
(ID #7987)
Assessment of OUS Quarterly Payments

ORDER

DISPOSITION: CHARGES ASSESSED

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) has designated its files on the subject of this matter as the record in this case. Based on information contained in those files, the Commission makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

MERITEL GROUP INC. is a telecommunications provider required to submit quarterly contribution worksheets and payments to the Commission for the Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF). *See* ORS 759.425, and OAR 860-032-0620.

MERITEL GROUP INC. failed to meet all or part of the requirements specified above by the due date(s) as set out in OAR 860-032-0620(3).

The Commission sent a Proposed Order to MERITEL GROUP INC. on July 28, 2014. MERITEL GROUP INC. did not respond.

Pursuant to OAR 860-032-0620 and OAR 860-032-0630, the Commission has proposed MERITEL GROUP INC. owes \$182.40 which can include any or all of the following: contribution payment(s), late payment penalty(ies), interest and late statement fee(s), including any portion due but not paid for the period(s). These charges are for the first quarter of 2014.

Where applicable, the interest amount is calculated as of the date of this order. The interest will continue to accrue at 9 percent per annum until the Commission receives full contribution payment. *See* OAR 860-032-0620(7). For a current payment amount, please contact Roger White at (503) 378-6371 or roger.white@state.or.us.

Conclusions

MERITEL GROUP INC. failed to meet its filing obligations required by law. The amount set forth above should be assessed, with the exception that any applicable interest will continue to accrue at 9 percent per annum until the Commission receives full contribution payment.

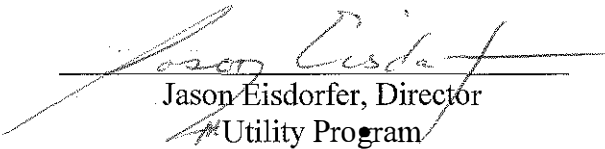
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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The above amounts are assessed against MERITEL GROUP INC. and are immediately due and payable to the Public Utility Commission, PO Box 2153, Salem, Oregon 97308-2153.
2. Where applicable, interest will continue to accrue at 9 percent per annum until the Commission receives full contribution payment.

Made, entered and effective SEP 05 2014.




Jason Eisdorfer, Director
Utility Program

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.