

ORDER NO. 16 298

ENTERED AUG 09 2016

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

CP 1581

In the Matter of

HAMR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Application for a Certificate of Authority
to Provide Telecommunications Service in
Oregon and Classification as a Competitive
Provider.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: CANCELLATION ORDER RESCINDED

On August 27, 2015, the Commission granted a certificate of authority to HAMR Communications, LLC (HAMR) to provide telecommunications service in Oregon as a competitive provider. *See* Order No. 15-261.

Oregon telecommunications providers are required to provide requested information to the Commission. After investigation, the Commission found that HAMR failed to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) requirements for 1st Quarter 2016, pursuant to ORS 759.425 and OAR 860-032-0610 through 860-032-0660. HAMR also failed to pay 2015 annual revenue fees as required by ORS 756.310 and OAR 860-032-0095. The responsibility to comply with Commission rules and respond to Commission requests for information is clearly stated at the time a certificate is granted to a competitive provider. Failure to comply with this obligation may result in the company's certificate of authority being canceled. If a certificate of authority is canceled, a company has the statutory right to request reconsideration.

At the July 5, 2016, public meeting, the Commission determined that HAMR's certificate of authority should be canceled. HAMR's certificate of authority was canceled in Order No. 16-265. On July 28, 2016, HAMR filed a request to suspend Order No. 16-265, claiming it had complied with the Commission's rules and regulations. A review of the Commission's records indicates that HAMR filed the requested information, but too late to prevent being canceled. However, given that the information is now up-to-date, the cancellation order should be rescinded.

The Commission reminds the company that the granting of a certificate places responsibility on the company to fully comply with Commission rules. The company must undertake a plan to prevent the certificate being canceled again. If HAMR again fails to fulfill its regulatory obligations and the certificate is canceled, the Commission may conclude that it is not in the public interest to process a future application for recertification as a competitive provider.

The Commission expects all companies to comply with the requirements of certification, including submitting all reports and payments on time. The company should review its procedures and make corrections to ensure that these obligations are met in a timely manner. Any future application or request for reconsideration must include as applicable:

1. An explanation of why the company was unable to comply with the Commission rules;
2. Proof of payment of all outstanding revenue fees, including late payment fees, owed for each calendar year of operation pursuant to ORS 756.310(4)(a) and OAR 860-032-0095, in accordance with Commission requirements;
3. Proof of compliance with OUSF requirements pursuant to ORS 759.425 and OAR 860-032-0610 through 860-032-0660;
4. Proof of filing of any outstanding annual reports pursuant to OAR 860-032-0060; and
5. Proof of compliance with Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) requirements pursuant to ORS chapter 290, section 7, Oregon Laws 1987, and OAR 860-033-0006.

HAMR sent the required information to the Commission after the due date and after notification that its certificate was being canceled. The information did not arrive in time to prevent the certificate from being canceled, but was subsequently received. The company indicates that it is providing telecommunications service in Oregon and requests the cancellation order be rescinded. Given that the company is currently in compliance with Commission rules and is providing telecommunications service in Oregon, Order No. 16-265, canceling HAMR's certificate of authority, should be rescinded.

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IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 16-265, canceling the certificate of authority of HAMR Communications, LLC, is rescinded.

Made, entered, and effective AUG 09 2016.



Lisa Hardie
Chair





John Savage
Commissioner

**COMMISSIONER BLOOM WAS
UNAVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE**

Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

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.