

A Global Connection Inc. of America company

December 27, 2018

Ms. Kathy Shepherd Competitive Provider Analyst Oregon Public Utilities Commission 201 High Street, S.E., Ste. 100 Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: **Docket No. CP 1229**: Global Connection Inc. of America (ID # 8209)

Request for Cancellation of Telecommunications Authorization

Dear Ms. Shepherd:

Global Connection Inc. of America (Global or the Company) respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) cancel its certificate to provide local exchange and interexchange services in Oregon effective December 31, 2018 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The Commission granted Global a certificate to provide intrastate wireline telecommunications services in Oregon on June 6, 2004 in Docket No. CP 1229 (Order No. 04-307). After extensive assessment of the market, Global has determined that its strategic business plans in Oregon do not include the continued provision of wireline telecommunications services. At this time, Global has no customers in Oregon for these regulated services. Accordingly, there are no customers to be notified regarding this request. Moreover, the Company's surrender of its authority will have no adverse consequences for consumers in Oregon as they have access to a range of alternative providers and services.

Global understands that formal approval from the Commission is not required in order for the Company to surrender its certificate. The Company will coordinate with Staff to address any remaining regulatory assessments, fees, and/or reports applicable to its wireline operations in the State. Please contact Global's regulatory counsel, Winafred Brantl, at (202) 945-6649 or via email at <a href="wbrantl@kelleydrye.com">wbrantl@kelleydrye.com</a> for any questions or follow-up concerning this matter. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Respectfully submitted

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