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*Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail*

November 29, 2006

Vikie Bailey-Goggins  
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
550 Capitol St. NE #215  
Salem, Oregon 97301-2551

Re: VCI Company, Docket No. UM-1107  
Notice of Relinquishment of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Status and  
Copy of Section 63.71 Application to be filed with the FCC

Dear Ms. Bailey-Goggins:


Attached for filing please find the following documents:

- 1) VCI Company's notice of relinquishment of eligible telecommunications carrier status, as required in 47 C.F.R. 54.205 and 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(4).
- 2) A copy of VCI's Section 63.71 Application for authority to discontinue local exchange services in Oregon and Washington. The 63.71 application is being sent to the FCC via overnight delivery today for filing tomorrow.

Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to me at the telephone or facsimile numbers above, or via electronic mail at [staceyk@vcicompany.com](mailto:staceyk@vcicompany.com).

Sincerely,

VCI Company

  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
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VCI Company f/k/a Stan ) Docket No. UM 1107  
Efferding dba Vilaire )  
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Relinquishment of Eligible )  
Telecommunications Carrier Designation )  
In the State of Oregon )

**NOTIFICATION OF RELINQUISHMENT OF DESIGNATION OF ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN QWEST'S OREGON SERVICE AREA  
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) (4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205**

COMES NOW, VCI Company ("VCI"), an Oregon certified competitive telecommunications service provider and designated Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"), and notifies the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") of its relinquishment of ETC designation pursuant to § 214(e)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended and §54.205 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

VCI seeks relinquishment of both its Federal ETC status in Oregon and its Oregon state ETC status to participate in the Oregon Telecommunications Assistance Program ("OTAP"), effective February 1, 2007 ("Date of Relinquishment"). In doing so, VCI does not waive its rights to reimbursement from OTAP for lines served prior to the Date of Relinquishment.

I. RULES AND STATUTES AT ISSUE

1. VCI files this notification for compliance with 47 U.S.C. § 214(e), and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, Relinquishment of Universal Service, which provide that 1) state commissions shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") to relinquish its designation as an ETC in any area served by more than one ETC and 2) ETCs seeking to relinquish designation in

an area served by more than one ETC shall give advance notice to the state commission of such relinquishment.

2. With this filing, VCI serves advance notice on the Commission that VCI seeks to relinquish its ETC designation in Oregon, which designation is in an area served by more than one ETC.

## II. BACKGROUND

3. VCI was certified to provide competitive local exchange service by Commission Order No. 03-165, entered March 19, 2003, in Docket No. CP 1143, and designated an ETC by Commission Order No. 03-749, entered December 17, 2003, in Docket No. UM 1107. The Commission designated VCI an ETC in Qwest's Oregon service area. In addition to Qwest, other ETCs designated in Qwest's Oregon service area include, but may not be limited to, RCC Minnesota and U.S. Cellular.

4. On November 3, 2006, VCI filed with the Commission a letter notifying the Commission of VCI's intention to abandon service on February 1, 2007, in compliance with OAR 860-032-0020.

5. On November 8, 2006, Commission staff, Kay Marinos, requested that VCI formally file a notice of its intention to relinquish ETC status pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.205, under the docket in which the company was granted ETC status.

6. Staff further requested that VCI include in its notice 1) a request for relinquishment of Federal ETC status, 2) a request for relinquishment of ETC status to participate in the Oregon Telecommunications Assistance Program, and 3) an effective date for relinquishment.

7. Staff requested that such notice be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4); 47 C.F.R. § 54.205

effective date of relinquishment.<sup>2</sup>

### III. CONCLUSION AND REQUESTED RELIEF

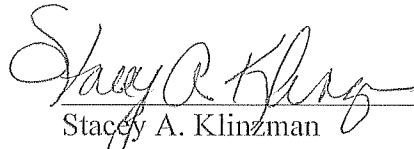
8. VCI meets the requirements for relinquishment of designation set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205 in that it has 1) notified the Commission of its intention to relinquish its ETC designation in its designated service area and 2) VCI's designated service area is served by more than one ETC.

9. VCI has complied with the Commission staff's requests that the notice include 1) relinquishment of Federal ETC status, 2) relinquishment of State ETC status to participate in OTAP and 3) an effective date for relinquishment. Furthermore, this Notice has been filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective Date of Relinquishment, February 1, 2007.

10. Having complied with Federal rules and statutes, as well as Commission staff's requests, VCI requests the Commission to issue an order approving VCI's relinquishment of ETC status on the Date of Relinquishment, including a statement that VCI does not waive its rights to reimbursement from OTAP for lines served prior to the Date of Relinquishment.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2006

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<sup>2</sup>Neither 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) nor 47 C.F.R. 54.205 specify a notice period for an ETC's notification of relinquishment to a state commission.