

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 8, 2014**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: June 26, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kathy Shepherd

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Kay Marinos

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 certificates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the certificates of authority to provide telecommunications services for the competitive providers listed below be canceled.

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 requires 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 not:

1. Filed a 2013 annual report;
2. Paid annual revenue fees, filed the annual fee statement, paid the \$100 late statement fee, or paid penalties for 2013; and/or
3. Complied with OUSF reporting requirements.

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.

<u>DOCKET NO.</u>	<u>COMPANY NAME</u>	<u>REASON FOR CANCELLATION</u>
CP 920	TCAST Communications, Inc.	1, 2, 3
CP 1404	Meritel Group, Inc.	2, 3

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

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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