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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

CP 644

In the Matter of

AMERICAN FARM BUREAU INC.,

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

ORDER

DISPOSITION: CANCELLATION ORDER RESCINDED

On June 7, 1999, the Commission granted a certificate of authority to American Farm Bureau Inc. (AFBI) to provide telecommunications service in Oregon as a competitive provider. *See* Order No. 99-375.

Oregon telecommunications providers are required to provide requested information to the Commission. After investigation, the Commission found that AFBI failed to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund requirements per ORS 759.425. At the December 19, 2000, public meeting, the Commission determined that AFBI's certificate of authority should be canceled. AFBI's certificate of authority was canceled in Order No. 01-006. On January 24, 2001, AFBI filed a request to suspend Order No. 01-006, claiming that it had complied with the Commission's rules and regulations. A review of the Commission's records indicated that AFBI filed the requested information and Order No. 01-158 was entered on February 8, 2001, reinstating AFBI's certificate of authority.

Again, after investigation, the Commission found that AFBI failed to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund requirements per ORS 759.425. At the July 15, 2003, public meeting, the Commission determined that AFBI's certificate of authority should be canceled. AFBI's certificate of authority was canceled in Order No. 03-443. On September 29, 2003, AFBI filed a request to suspend Order No. 03-443, claiming that it had complied with the Commission's rules and regulations. A review of the Commission's records indicates that AFBI filed the requested information on October 21, 2003.

The information sent by AFBI to the Commission was late. However, the information has been received and it indicates AFBI is providing telecommunications service in Oregon. Under the circumstances, the cancellation of AFBI's certificate should be rescinded.

The Commission notes that this is the second time that AFBI has sought reinstatement following the cancellation of its authority. Under these circumstances, the Commission emphasizes the need for AFBI to fully comply with the Commission's rules and regulations in the future. If AFBI again fails to fulfill its regulatory obligations, the Commission may conclude that it is not in the public interest to process a future application for re-certification as a competitive provider.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 03-443 canceling the certificate of authority of American Farm Bureau Inc., is rescinded.

Made, entered, and effective	
Lee Beyer Chairman	John Savage Commissioner
	Ray Baum Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to 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 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.