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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

CP 898

In the Matter of)	
)	
PILGRIM TELEPHONE INC.)	
)	ORDER
Application for a Certificate of Authority)	
to Provide Telecommunications Service in)	
Oregon and Classification as a Competitive)	
Provider.)	

DISPOSITION: CANCELLATION ORDER RESCINDED

On February 23, 2001, the Commission granted a certificate of authority to Pilgrim Telephone Inc. (Pilgrim) to provide telecommunications service in Oregon as a competitive provider. *See* Order No. 01-197.

Oregon telecommunications providers are required to provide requested information to the Commission. After investigation, the Commission found that Pilgrim failed to pay annual revenue fees to the Commission as required by ORS 756.310. At the July 10, 2001, public meeting, the Commission determined that Pilgrim's certificate of authority should be canceled. Pilgrim's certificate of authority was canceled in Order No. 01-647. On August 27, 2001, Pilgrim filed a request to suspend Order No. 01-647 claiming that it had complied with the Commission's rules and regulations. A review of the Commission's records indicated that Pilgrim filed the requested information and Order No. 01-780 was entered on September 4, 2001, reinstating Pilgrim's certificate of authority.

Again, after investigation, the Commission found that Pilgrim failed to comply with the Commission's rules and regulations; specifically, failure to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund requirements per ORS 759.425. At the January 20, 2004, public meeting, the Commission determined that Pilgrim's certificate of authority should be canceled. Pilgrim's certificate of authority was canceled in Order No. 04-065. On March 10, 2004, Pilgrim filed a request to suspend Order No. 04-065, claiming that it had complied with the Commission's rules and regulations. A review of the Commission's records indicates that Pilgrim filed the requested information on March 5, 2004.

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 Under the circumstances, the cancellation of Pilgrim's certificate should be rescinded.

The Commission notes that this is the second time that Pilgrim has sought reinstatement following the cancellation of its authority. Under these circumstances, the Commission emphasizes the need for Pilgrim to fully comply with the Commission's rules and regulations in the future. If Pilgrim 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. 04-065 canceling the certificate of authority of Pilgrim Telephone 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.