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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

CP 1180

In the Matter of

IDT AMERICA, CORP

ORDER

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

## DISPOSITION: CANCELLATION ORDER RESCINDED

On November 5, 2003, the Commission granted a certificate of authority to IDT America, Corp. (IDT) to provide telecommunications service in Oregon as a competitive provider. *See* Order No. 03-646. The company had a previous docket. *See* docket CP 538, Order No. 98-462.

Oregon telecommunications providers are required to provide requested information to the Commission. After investigation, the Commission found that IDT failed to submit the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2012 \$100 late statement fee to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund requirements per ORS 759.425. The responsibility to respond to Commission requests for information or comply with any Commission rule is clearly stated at the time a certificate is granted to a competitive provider. Failure to comply with this obligation may result in the company's certificate of authority being canceled. If a certificate of authority is canceled, a company has the statutory right to request reconsideration.

At the March 12, 2013, public meeting, the Commission determined that IDT's certificate of authority should be canceled. IDT's certificate of authority was canceled in Order No. 13-121. On April 15, 2013, IDT filed a request to suspend Order No. 13-121, claiming it had complied with the Commission's rules and regulations. A review of the Commission's records indicates that IDT filed the requested information but too late to prevent being canceled. However, given that the information is now up-to-date, the cancellation order should be rescinded.

The Commission has canceled a previous certificate of authority. IDT's certificate of authority was canceled for the first time at the December 6, 2011, public meeting. The

Commission found that IDT failed to pay a contribution owed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011 to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund requirements per ORS 759.425. On January 10, 2012, IDT filed a request to suspend Order No. 11-500. A review of the Commission's records indicated that IDT filed the requested information and its certificate of authority was reinstated in Order No. 12-025.

The Commission reminds the company that the granting of a certificate places responsibility on the company to fully comply with Commission rules. The company must undertake a plan to prevent the certificate being canceled again. If IDT again fails to fulfill its regulatory obligations and the certificate is canceled, the Commission may conclude that it is not in the public interest to process a future application for recertification as a competitive provider.

The Commission expects all companies to comply with the requirements of certification, including submitting all reports and payments on time. The Commission notes that this is the second time that the company's certificate of authority has been canceled and rescinded. Should the company request reconsideration of this order or apply for new authority, it must fully comply with all Commission rules. Any future application or request for reconsideration must include as applicable:

- 1. An explanation of why the company was unable to comply with the Commission rules;
- 2. A detailed plan of action, including specific measures the company has put in place to prevent future noncompliance and the name and contact information of the responsible party;
- 3. Proof of payment of all outstanding revenue fees, including late payment fees, owed for each calendar year of operation pursuant to ORS 756.310(a), in accordance with Commission requirements;
- 4. Proof of compliance with Oregon Universal Service Fund requirements pursuant to ORS 759.425; and
- 5. Proof of filing of any outstanding armual reports pursuant to OAR 860-032-0060.

In view of the foregoing, Order No. 13-121, canceling the certificate of authority for IDT America, Corp. should be rescinded.

## **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 13-121 canceling the certificate of authority of IDT America, Corp. is rescinded.

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A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.