

ORDER NO.

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JUL 15 2014

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

CP 1404

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the
Certificate of Authority Held by MERITEL
GROUP, INC.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY CANCELED

On June 30, 2008, Meritel Group, Inc. (Meritel) was granted a certificate of authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon as a competitive provider. *See* Order No. 08-348. Meritel held a previous certificate of authority under Docket No. CP 1020. *See* Order No. 02-218. That authority was canceled in Order No. 06-491 on August 21, 2006, for noncompliance with Commission rules, but later reinstated upon Meritel's filing of all delinquent reports and payments associated with the prior certificate and reapplying for the new certificate of authority granted in the current Docket No. CP 1404.

Meritel has failed to comply with Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) requirements per ORS 759.425 for 4th Quarter 2013. Meritel was notified of the delinquency on March 1, March 10, and April 3 of 2014, but failed to respond.

The certificate holder failed to pay revenue fees for 2013 as required by ORS 756.310. On April 16, 2014, the Commission notified the certificate holder that the required fees were not received. The certificate holder again failed to respond.

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 the investigation. In view of the foregoing, the Commission determined at its July 8, 2014, Public Meeting that the certificate holder has failed to comply with Commission rules and terms of the certificate. The certificate of authority to provide telecommunications service should be canceled, per OAR 860-032-0008(2). The company is reminded that because it had a certificate of authority for one or more days during 2014, it is required to file an annual fee statement and pay a minimum of \$100 for that year.

The Commission notes that this is the second time it has canceled a certificate held by the certificate holder. Before the Commission will process any future application for certification, the certificate holder must fully comply with Commission rules. Any future application must include:

1. An explanation of why the company was unable to comply with the Commission rules;
2. Proof of payment of all outstanding revenue fees, including late payment fees, owed for each calendar year of operation pursuant to ORS 756.310(4)(a), in accordance with Commission requirements;
3. Proof of compliance with OUSF requirements pursuant to ORS 759.425;
4. Proof of filing of any outstanding annual reports pursuant to OAR 860-032-0060; and
5. Proof of compliance with Residential Service Protection Fund (RSPF) requirements pursuant to ORS Chapter 290, Section 7, Oregon Laws 1987, and OAR 860-033-0006.

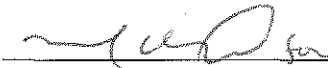
If the certificate holder fails to include these items with its application, the Commission will deem the application incomplete and return it.

IT IS ORDERED that the certificate of authority held by Meritel Group, Inc. is canceled.

Made, entered, and effective JUL 15 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:





Becky L. Beier
Commission Secretary

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.