

ORDER NO. 23-292

ENTERED Aug 10, 2023

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

FA 1769

In the Matter of EASTERN OREGON
TELECOM LLC (ID #7683)
Assessment of OUS Quarterly Payments

ORDER

DISPOSITION: \$8,413.70 CHARGES ASSESSED

In this order, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon assesses **\$8,413.70** against EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC for failure to make required payments. The Commission designates its files on the subject of this matter as the record in this case and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC is a telecommunications provider required to submit quarterly contribution worksheets and payments to the Commission for the Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF).¹ These amounts can include any or all of the following: contribution payment(s), late payment penalty(ies), interest and late statement fee(s), including any portion due but not paid for the period(s).²

EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC failed to meet these requirements by failing to pay OUSF fees for Quarter 1 of 2023.³

The Commission sent a Proposed Order to EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC on 7/7/2023. EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC did not respond with full payment, and all current amounts owing have not been paid.

¹ See ORS 759.425, and OAR 860-100-0110.

² See OAR 860-100-0110 and OAR 860-100-0120.

³ See OAR 860-100-0110(3).

CONCLUSIONS

EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC failed to meet its filing obligations required by law. EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC owes the current balance of **\$8,413.70**. These charges are for the 1st Quarter of 2023.

The amount set forth above should be assessed, with the applicable interest to accrue at 9% per annum until the Commission receives full contribution payment.⁴ For a current payment amount, please contact Laurel Anderson at (971) 375-5059 (laurel.anderson@puc.oregon.gov).

Failure to comply with the terms of this order may result in the Commission suspending or cancelling the telecommunications provider's Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunications service in Oregon.⁵

⁴ See OAR 860-100-0100(9).

⁵ See OAR 860-100-0110(7).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. EASTERN OREGON TELECOM LLC is assessed **\$8,413.70** immediately due and payable to the Public Utility Commission, PO Box 2153, Salem, Oregon 97308-2153.
2. Where applicable, interest will continue to accrue at 9% per annum until the Commission receives full contribution payment.
3. Under ORS 293.231, the Commission must refer your account to the Department of Revenue or a private collection firm if it receives no payment on the amount due and payable in this Order by the due date of **10/9/2023** , which is ninety days from its **7/7/2023** origination date. Non payment will result in a minimum 20% collection fee added to the amount you owe.

Made, entered and effective Aug 10, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nolan Moser".

Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division

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.