

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the )  
Revocation of the Service Authority of ) File No. TD-2017-0282  
Telesphere Networks LTD )

## ORDER CANCELING AUTHORITY

Issue Date: July 26, 2017

Effective Date: August 9, 2017

The Commission's staff ("Staff") initiated this action with a complaint to revoke the registration to offer interconnected voice over internet protocol ("iVoIP") services ("registration") of Telesphere Networks LTD ("Telesphere").<sup>1</sup> But Staff now relates<sup>2</sup> that Telesphere seeks cancellation of the registration. On Staff's reference to documents filed with the Commission, the Commission may consider such document as part of the record.<sup>3</sup>

### Findings of Fact

1. Telesphere holds a registration to provide iVoIP services in Missouri.<sup>4</sup>
2. Telesphere has ceased to provide iVoIP services in Missouri.<sup>5</sup>

### Conclusions of Law

Staff cites the Commission's regulation providing for cancellation of registration:

Notice shall be provided to the commission to cancel certification(s) or registration(s) previously granted by the

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<sup>1</sup> EFIS No. 1 (May 4, 2017) *Motion to Revoke Authority*.

<sup>2</sup> Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") No. 12 (July 17, 2017) *Staff's First Amended Motion for Cancellation*. All references to EFIS are to this File No. TD-2017-0282 except as otherwise stated.

<sup>3</sup> Section 536.070(5), RSMo 2016.

<sup>4</sup> File No. DA-2014-0294 *Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Registration* EFIS No. 2 (May 28, 2014) *Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Registration*.

<sup>5</sup> EFIS No. 9 (July 13, 2017) *Follow Up to Staff Response*.

commission. Such notice shall comply with the following requirements:

(A) The company shall submit written notice to the commission, a letter containing the following information:

1. A statement requesting cancellation of a company's certification or registration and citing the specific certificates of service authority and/or registrations; and
2. If the company also has a currently effective tariff, then the letter shall also request cancellation of the company's tariff;

(B) The letter can be signed by a company official and does not need to be signed or filed by an attorney; and

(C) The letter shall be electronically filed in EFIS. [<sup>6</sup>]

Relevant to that provision, Staff cites a letter from Telesphere, copied to the Commission, stating that Telesphere has no objection to the revocation of the registration.<sup>7</sup>

In the context of Staff's filings and Telesphere's correspondence, stating that Telesphere has ceased to provide iVoIP services in Missouri, the Commission will deem the letter to be a request for cancellation of Telesphere's registration. The regulation specifically does not require the signature of a lawyer licensed in Missouri, and makes the signature of a company official optional, and no party cites any currently effective tariff. Nothing requires the Commission to convene an evidentiary hearing before granting unopposed relief,<sup>8</sup> so the Commission will cancel Telesphere's registration.

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<sup>6</sup> 4 CSR 240-28.030(10)(A).

<sup>7</sup> EFIS No. 9 (July 13, 2017) *Follow Up to Staff Response*. That letter was in response to Staff's earlier basis for revoking for Telesphere's registration: ceasing to do business in Missouri. EFIS No. 7 (June 15, 2017) *Staff's Response*. Staff's original theory for revoking Telesphere's registration was that Telesphere had violated Missouri statutes and regulations. EFIS No. 1 (May 4, 2017) *Motion to Revoke Authority*.

<sup>8</sup> State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Ent., Inc. v. Public Serv. Comm'n, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App., W.D. 1989).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The registration of Telesphere Networks LTD to provide interconnected voice over internet protocol services is canceled.
2. This order shall be effective on August 9, 2017.
3. This file may close after August 10, 2017.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**July 19, 2017**

**File/Case No. TD-2017-0282**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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