

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Request of)
)
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS)
OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.)
)
To Voluntarily Surrender its)
Certificate of Authority.)
_____)

Docket No. 03-0022
Order No. 23785

ORDER

By this Order, the commission approves the voluntary surrender of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR SERVICES, INC.'s ("Petitioner") certificate of authority ("COA") to provide operator services within the State of Hawaii ("State").

I.

Background

Petitioner holds a COA to provide operator services within the State.¹ Petitioner requests the commission's approval to voluntarily surrender its COA, by letter dated October 8, 2007.² As part of its request, Petitioner: (1) submitted its annual financial report for 2007; and (2) paid the applicable public utility fees. In support of its request, Petitioner

¹See Decision and Order No. 20177, filed on May 8, 2003.

²On September 10, 2007, commission staff informed Petitioner about the procedures for surrendering its COA.

represents that it "does not have any customers and does not provide telecommunications service in Hawaii."³

II.

Discussion

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-80-123, governing the discontinuance of a fully or partially competitive telecommunications service, states in part:

Abandonment or discontinuance of fully or partially competitive service. (a) A telecommunications carrier intending or seeking to abandon or discontinue offering or providing a fully or partially competitive service shall, not later than thirty days before the proposed date of abandonment or discontinuance, provide a written notice of its intent to the commission, the consumer advocate, and its affected customers. . . .

(b) The commission may:

- (1) Allow the proposed abandonment or discontinuance of service to take effect on such reasonable terms and conditions that it deems are in the public interest[.]

The commission: (1) approves the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's COA; and (2) waives the customer notification requirement set forth in HAR § 6-80-123(a), as Petitioner represents that it has no Hawaii-based customers to notify of its discontinuance of operator services.

³Petitioner's letter, dated October 8, 2007, at 1. The commission forwarded a copy of Petitioner's letter to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate").

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

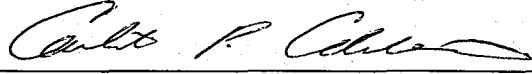
1. Petitioner's request to surrender its COA to provide operator services within the State is approved, effective from the date of this Order.

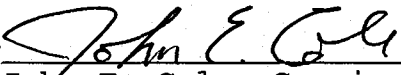
2. The customer notification requirement set forth in HAR § 6-80-123(a) is waived.

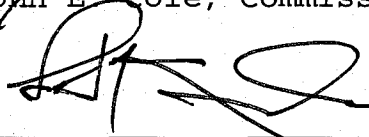
3. This docket is closed unless ordered otherwise by the commission.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii OCT 29 2007.

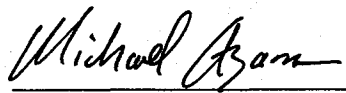
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By 
John E. Cole, Commissioner

By 
Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael Azama
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 23785 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

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