BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

----- In the Matter of -----

EQUALNET CORPORATION

Notice of Failure to Comply With Hawaii Revised Statutes and Commission's Regulations Order to Show Cause Why Respondent's Operating Authority Should Not Be Suspended or Revoked. DOCKET NO. 02-0312



<u>ORDER NO. 19623</u>

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Chief Clerk of the commission

ATTEST: A True Copy CATHERINE SAKATO Clerk Public Utilities Commission State of Hawaii

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE, AND NOTICE OF HEARING

EQUALNET CORPORATION (Respondent), is the holder of a certificate of authority (COA), issued pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) § 6-80-18. Under its COA, Respondent is authorized to of operate as а reseller intrastate telecommunications services in the State of Hawaii (State).

As the holder of a COA, Respondent is required to file an annual financial report (AFR) by March 31 of each year. pursuant to HAR § 6-80-91, and pay a public utility fee (Fee) in July and December of each year, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 269-30. Respondent filed its 2000 AFR, but failed to pay the Fee that was due on December 31, 2001.

HAR § 6-80-19 authorizes the commission, after notice and hearing, to suspend or revoke any COA, in part or in whole, if the holder is found to be in violation of any applicable State laws or commission rules. Accordingly, the commission may

suspend or revoke Respondent's COA for failure to comply with the legal requirements set forth above, unless Respondent is able to show why such suspension or revocation should not occur.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Respondent shall appear at 465 South King Street, Room B3, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, at 9:00 a.m., on October 29, 2002 to show cause why Respondent's COA should not be suspended or revoked for failure to comply with the legal requirements set forth in this order.

2. Respondent may be represented by counsel. If Respondent does not retain counsel, Respondent may be represented. at the hearing as follows: (a) an individual may appear on his or her own behalf; (b) a partner may represent a partnership; and (c) an officer or authorized employee of a corporation, trust, or association may represent the corporation, trust, or association.

3. If Respondent fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, Respondent's COA shall be revoked.

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Wayne H. Kimura, Chairman

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Japet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

By (RECUSED) Gregg J. Kinkley, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Catherine P. Awakuni Commission Counsel 02-0312.ac

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing <u>Order No. 19623</u> 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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DATED: September 30, 2002