BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Request of

TRANSCOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED

To Voluntarily Surrender its
Certificate of Authority.

ORDER NO. 22453

Filed May 4, 2006
At 11:40 o'clock A.M.

Karen Higash
Chief Clerk of the Commission

ATTEST: A True Copy
KAREN HIGASHI
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Commission, State of Hawaii.
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TRANSCOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED ("Petitioner") holds a certificate of authority ("COA") to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services.¹ Petitioner was issued COA 0019 by the commission.

Petitioner requests the commission's approval to voluntarily surrender its COA, by letter dated March 23, 2005, filed on March 29, 2005.²

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,

¹See Decision and Order No. 15160, filed on November 13, 1996.

²See also Petitioner's letter, dated March 10, 2005, filed on March 16, 2005; and the commission's letters, dated March 18 and 30, 2005. A copy of Petitioner's request to surrender its COA was served upon the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"). See commission's letters, dated March 18 and 30, 2005.
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) in lieu of revocation, approves the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's COA 0019; and (2) waives the customer notification requirement set forth in HAR § 6-80-123(a).  

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Petitioner's request to surrender COA 0019 to operate as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services is approved, effective from the date of this Order. Petitioner shall promptly return COA 0019 to the commission.

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

3. This docket is closed.

3The commission notified Petitioner of its need to file its annual financial reports and pay the applicable public utility fees based on its 2003 (partial), 2004, and 2005 revenues. See commission's letter, dated March 30, 2005, and Final Notice, dated April 27, 2006. On May 1, 2006, Petitioner's regulatory consultant informed commission staff that Petitioner no longer exists, and thus, no response by Petitioner to the commission's Final Notice is forthcoming.

In the future event Petitioner, its parent, affiliate, or subsidiary, re-applies for a COA, it will be required to file Petitioner's 2004 and 2005 annual financial reports and pay the fee balance owed (based on Petitioner's 2003 (partial), 2004, and 2005 revenues).
DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii  MAY - 4 2006

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By (EXCUSED)
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Azama
Commission Counsel
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 22453 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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