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By this Order, the commission approves the voluntary surrender of HMH PAYPHONES, INC.'s ("Petitioner") certificate of authority ("COA") to operate as a pay telephone service provider on the island of Oahu.

I.

<u>Background</u>

Petitioner holds a COA to operate as a pay telephone service provider on the island of Oahu. By letter dated March 24, 2009, Petitioner requests the commission's approval to voluntarily surrender its COA. Petitioner is current on the filing of its annual financial reports and the payment of the public utility fees.

In re HMH Payphones, Inc., Docket No. 96-0433, Interim Decision and Order No. 15358, filed on February 10, 1997.

Discussion

HAR § 6-80-123(c) provides in relevant part that for any telecommunications carrier whose entry into the intrastate telecommunications market is preempted by federal law, said carrier "shall, not later than thirty days before the proposed effective date of any contemplated abandonment or discontinuance of service, provide a written notice of [its] intent to abandon or discontinue service to the commission, the consumer advocate, and affected customers."

The commission approves Petitioner's request to surrender its COA to operate as a pay telephone service provider on the island of Oahu, consistent with HAR \S 6-80-123(c).

III.

Orders

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 1. Petitioner's request to surrender its COA to operate as pay telephone service provider on the island of Oahu is approved, effective from the date of this Order.
- 2. This docket is closed unless ordered otherwise by the commission.

 $^{^{2}}$ See also HAR §§ 6-80-2(b)(2), 6-80-17(d), and 6-80-18(b).

³The commission forwarded a copy of Petitioner's request to the Consumer Advocate. Moreover, as a pay telephone service provider, Petitioner does not have any pre-subscribed customers to notify per se of its intent to discontinue service.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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Cole, Commissioner

Leslie H. Kondo, Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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