

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the Certificate)
of Service Authority of The Phone Connection,) **File No. CD-2012-0061**
Inc., d/b/a Affordable Phone Company) Tracking No.YC-2003-1856

ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE AND ACCOMPANYING TARIFF

Issue Date: September 9, 2011

Effective Date: September 19, 2011

On August 23, 2011, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a motion requesting The Phone Connection, Inc., d/b/a Affordable Phone Company ("Affordable Phone Company") certificate of service authority and accompanying tariff to provide basic local telecommunication services in the State of Missouri be cancelled.

In File Number TA-2002-367, the Commission granted Affordable Phone Company a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunication service in the State of Missouri. The Company's tariff, P.S.C. MO No. 1, was also approved.

Staff states in its motion that the Commission was provided a Ceasing Operation Statement from Affordable Phone Company. The letter indicated that the company ceased operations and is no longer providing CLEC services in Missouri. Affordable Phone Company is not deficient in the filing of the Company's 2010 annual report. Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the company's certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services, and the company's accompanying tariff.

On August 24, 2011, the Commission issued an Order Directing Notice allowing any parties to file an objection or request a hearing to do so no later than September 6, 2011. No objections or requests for a hearing were filed.

The Commission has the authority to cancel a certificate and tariff pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo, which states, in part, “[a]ny certificate or service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected.”

Based on the Company’s request and Staff’s motion, the Commission finds that the certificate of service authority and accompanying tariff granted to The Phone Connection, Inc., d/b/a Affordable Phone Company, shall be canceled.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The certificate of authority to provide basic local telecommunications services granted to The Phone Connection, Inc., d/b/a Affordable Phone Company, in File Number TA-2002-367, is canceled.
2. The Phone Connection, Inc., d/b/a Affordable Phone Company’s tariff, P.S.C. MO No. 1, is canceled.
3. This order shall become effective on September 19, 2011.

4. This case may be closed on September 20, 2011.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

(SEAL)

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 9th day of September, 2011.