

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Cancellation of the)	
Certificate of Service Authority and Tariff)	<u>Case No. LD-2007-0491</u>
Of Harry Thielepape, d/b/a Missouri State)	Tracking No. JC-2003-0725
Discount Telephone)	

ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATE
AND ACCOMPANYING TARIFF

Issue Date: September 21, 2007

Effective Date: October 1, 2007

On June 26, 2007, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking the Commission to cancel the certificate of service authority and accompanying tariff of Harry Thielepape, d/b/a Missouri State Discount Telephone, an individual that has been authorized to offer basic local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services by the Commission under the fictitious name "Missouri State Discount Telephone."

In Case Number TA-2001-334, the Commission granted Mr. Thielepape a certificate to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services. In the same case, Mr. Thielepape's tariff, P.S.C. No. 1, was also approved.

In Case Number TA-2001-334, the Commission also granted Mr. Thielepape a certificate to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services. Mr. Thielepape did not file a tariff with the Commission.

Staff's motion states that Mr. Thielepape indicated he transferred the business' assets to Habla Comunicaciones, Inc. and to some entity owned or represented by Mr. Mark McWhitter. Staff was unable to contact the entities provided by Mr. Thielepape.

Mr. Thielepape, Missouri State Discount Telephone or Habla Comunicaciones, Inc., or Mr. McWhitter did not submit an Annual Report for the present year with the Commission. As of June 15, 2007, none of the above-named entities purchased for resale any access liens from AT&T Missouri. Due to nonpayment of Mr. Thielepape d/b/a Missouri State Discount Telephone, and subsequent to providing snap-back services, as of June 4, 2007, CenturyTel has ceased to provide service to Missouri State Discount Telephone's approximately 15 former customers. In addition, BPS is not providing access lines for resale to any of the entities. Staff stated that neither Mr. Thielepape, Missouri State Discount Telephone, nor any purported successor agency is providing telecommunications services to any Missouri customers.

One customer contacted the Commission to make a complaint about Mr. Thielepape since the discontinuance of service. Rather than filing a complaint, the customer obtained service from a different telecommunications company. Premiere Network owes no assessments to the Commission. No formal complaints have been filed against the company since the commencement of the Electronic Filing and Information System.

Staff recommends that the Commission cancel the company's certificate of service authority to provide basic local and intrastate interexchange

telecommunications services. Staff also noted that Mr. Thielepape was doing business as an individual and if he chooses to reapply for a certificate, he will not need an attorney to do so.

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 Staff’s motion, Mr. Thielepape’s denial of ownership of the company, and Mr. Thielepape’s failure to provided the Commission with current contact information, the Commission finds that the certificate of service authority granted to Harry Thielepape, d/b/a Missouri State Discount Telephone, shall be canceled.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The certificate of authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services granted to Harry Thielepape, d/b/a Missouri State Discount Telephone, in Case Number TA-2001-334 is canceled.
2. Missouri State Discount Telephone’s tariff, P.S. C. No. 1, also granted in Case Number TA-2001-334, is canceled.
3. The certificate of authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services granted to Harry Thielepape, d/b/a Missouri State Discount Telephone, in Case Number TA-2001-334 is canceled.
4. This order shall become effective on October 1, 2007.

5. This case may be closed on October 2, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 21st day of September, 2007.