

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners:                      Dwight D. Keen, Chair  
    Shari Feist Albrecht  
    Jay Scott Emler

Global Connection Inc. of America Notice of                      )  
Service Discontinuance and Request for                      ) Docket No. 19-GCAT-370-CCS  
Cancellation of Telecommunications                      ) (IXC)  
Authorizations.                      )

**ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE**

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes on for consideration and determination by the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas. The Commission, after giving due consideration to the Application and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

1. Global Connection Inc. of America (Global) filed a Notice of Discontinuance on March 12, 2019, indicating its preference to voluntarily relinquish its authority to conduct business in the State of Kansas on or after May 11, 2019. Global had been granted a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Interexchange Carrier (IXC) service in Kansas on July 27, 2004 in Docket No. 04-GCAT-1166-COC. Global indicated it had only four customers in Kansas, and it was not in its business plans to continue IXC service in the state.

2. The Commission's authority to supervise telecommunication public utilities is provided in K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-1,188. The Commission's authority to issue and terminate certificates of public convenience arises from K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 66-131. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 66-131, the Commission must review all certificate applications to determine whether the public convenience will be promoted by granting the request.

3. On April 16, 2019, the Staff submitted a Report and Recommendation, urging the Commission to cancel Global's Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide

Interexchange services within Kansas and recommending the Commission approve the request to discontinue service. The Staff noted Global has only four customers, and the public convenience will not be impacted as there is a sufficient number of carriers currently providing Interexchange services in Kansas. Global is registered to do business in the state and is shown to be “active and in good standing” with the Kansas Secretary of State. It has no outstanding assessments and maintains a current KUSF account.

4. The Commission adopts Staff’s analysis and recommendation of April 16, 2019, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached and made a part of this Order by reference, and finds the public convenience will be promoted by granting the request to cancel the Global’s Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Interexchange service in Kansas. Global indicated its customers received at least a forty-five-day notice of its decision to discontinue service

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

A. The Global Connection Inc. of America request filed March 12, 2019, is hereby granted and the Certificate and Authority authorizing it to provide Interexchange services in Kansas, issued July 27, 2004, in Docket No. 04-GCAT-1166-COC, is hereby canceled, effective as of the date of this Order.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>1</sup>

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over Global Connection Inc. of America and the subject matter of this Docket for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as it may deem necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 04/30/2019

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner



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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

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Shari Feist Albrecht, Commissioner  
Jay Scott Emler, Commissioner

Laura Kelly, Governor

**TO:** Chair Dwight D. Keen  
Commissioner Shari Feist Albrecht  
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**DATE:** April 16, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. 19-GCAT-370-CCS  
In the Matter of Global Connection Inc. of America Notice of Service  
Discontinuance and Request for Cancellation of Telecommunications  
Authorizations (IXC)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On March 12, 2019, Global Connection Inc. of America (Global Connection) filed a letter with the Commission requesting approval of the cancellation of their wireline Certificate to provide Interexchange Carrier (IXC) services in Kansas. The letter indicated Global Connection wireline has four customers in Kansas affected by this filing. Staff recommends the Commission grant this request to cancel Global Connection's Certificate.

**BACKGROUND:**

Global Connection received a Certificate of Convenience to provide IXC services in Kansas in Docket No. 04-GCAT-1166-COC, approved July 27, 2004. The Commission derives its authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities from K.S.A. 66-1,188. The Commission derives its authority to certificate and de-certificate public utilities from K.S.A. 66-131.

**ANALYSIS:**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131, the Commission must review all certification and decertification applications to determine whether the "public convenience" will be promoted by granting the request.

The Company has also requested the cancellation of the Company's Competitive Local Exchange (CLEC) service Certificate in pending Docket No. 19-GCAT-369-CCS. A copy of the letter informing the four remaining customers was provided. The Company indicated the customers were provided the informational letter with at least forty-five days notice of the change. The

Company indicates they will continue to serve Kansas customers via their wireless offering under the name of Stand Up Wireless and maintain the ETC designation they have for the Company's wireless offering.

Global Connection is registered and is in a status of "Active and in Good Standing" with the Kansas Secretary of State. Global Connection has no assessments outstanding, and the Company's reporting and KUSF account are current.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission cancel the Certificate of Convenience and Authority of Global Connection to provide IXC services as requested. Global Connection has four wireline IXC customers in Kansas. With the numerous options for customers to choose an alternative provider in Kansas, it is in the public interest to cancel the Certificate. The Company requests the effective date of cancellation be on or after May 11, 2019.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on 04/30/2019.

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