# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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#### ORDER DISMISSING DOCKET; PENALTY ASSESSMENT

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

- 1. On January 29, 2015, the Commission issued an *Order to Show Cause* (Order) directed toward Net One International, Inc. (Net One). Net One was delinquent in paying its Commission Assessments pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1503, and the Order required Net One to show cause why it should not be penalized.
- 2. Commission Staff (Staff) submitted a Report and Recommendation to the Commissioners on March 3, 2015, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Staff indicates that Net One has paid its outstanding Commission Assessments under K.S.A. 66-1503. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission dismiss this docket. However, Staff also recommends the Commission assess a \$100.00 penalty against Net One for its delinquency.
- 3. K.S.A. 66-138 grants the Commission authority to penalize public utilities that fail to perform legal duties or obey lawful orders of the Commission.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that Staff's recommendations are reasonable, and hereby adopts the same.

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

- A. This docket is dismissed.
- B. Net One is assessed a \$100.00 penalty.
- C. Penalty payment shall reference this docket, 15-NOIC-316-SHO, be made out to the Commission, and mailed to the Commission's Fiscal Office, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Credit card payment may be made by calling the Fiscal Office at 785-271-3113.
- D. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).
- E. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 1 2 2015

ORDER MAILED MAR 1 3 2015

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# REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION

**TO:** Chair Shari Feist Albrecht

Commissioner Jay Scott Emler

Commissioner Pat Apple

FROM: Hal Baumhardt, Senior Telecommunications Analyst

Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications

Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

**DATE:** March 3, 2015

SUBJECT: 15-NOIC-316-SHO

In the Matter of a General Investigation of Net One International, Inc. to Show Cause Why This Commission Should Not Initiate Sanctions and Fines and Cancel, Suspend and Revoke Any Authority the Carrier

Currently Holds.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Net One International, Inc. (Net One) was delinquent in remitting payment of its Commission Assessments. Therefore, Staff recommended the Commission show cause Net One for failing to remain compliant with Kansas Statute Annotated (K.S.A.) K.S.A. 66-1503. On January 29, 2015, the Commission issued an Order to Show Cause with a Company response date on or before March 2, 2015.

Staff recommends the Commission <u>dismiss</u> this Show Cause against Net One given that the delinquent issue has been resolved with payment of the outstanding October 2014 invoices on March 2, 2015. However, Staff recommends that a fine of \$100 be assessed for the violations pursuant to K.S.A. 66-138 for being four months delinquent in paying its October 15, 2014, Commission Assessment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On December 16, 2014, Staff sent its "First Notice of Outstanding Commission Assessment" allowing the Company 15 days from the date of the Notice to remit payment of its outstanding assessment invoice. On January 6, 2015, Staff sent its "Final Notice of Outstanding Commission Assessment" to Net One allowing the Company an additional 15 days from the date of the Notice in the attempt to get resolution to this delinquency. Staff's Notices included copies of the October 15, 2014, invoice that could be used to remit payment and reconcile the outstanding balance. On March 2, 2015, Staff confirmed

that payment of the Commission Assessments owed was remitted, bringing Net One into compliance with K.S.A. 66-1503, regarding the October 2014 invoices.

# **ANALYSIS:**

Staff affirms that the Company is now in compliance with K.S.A. 66-1503.

The Commission has the authority to assess penalties for violations of Kansas Statutes and Staff recommends the Commission assess a \$100.00 penalty for the violation discussed above and for neglecting Staff's two previous notices that allowed ample time for the Company to resolve the delinquency.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission <u>dismiss</u> this Show Cause proceeding against Net One International, Inc. given that the delinquent issue has been resolved and assess a penalty of \$100.00.

PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

NO. CERT. COPIES NO. PLAIN COPIES

NAME AND ADDRESS

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