THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before	Comn	nissio	ners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair

Jay Scott Emler

Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Cancellation of All)	
Operating Certificates of Convenience and)	Docket No. 15-AMAC-589-CCS (IXC)
Authority Previously Granted to Ameracatel		
Corporation)	

ORDER CANCELLING IXC CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND AUTHORITY

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 June 10, 2015, Ameracatel Corporation (Ameracatel) filed a letter with the Commission requesting cancellation of its Certificate of Convenience and Authority (COC) to provide Interexchange Service within the state of Kansas.
- 2. The Commission has authority to supervise and control telecommunications public utilities under K.S.A. 66-1,188. The Commission derives its certification authority from K.S.A. 66-131 and the same statute requires the Commission to determine whether certification or de-certification requests will promote the public convenience.
- 3. Commission Staff (Staff) submitted a Report and Recommendation (R&R) regarding the COC cancellation request on July 15, 2015, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Staff finds that Americated was certificated to provide Interexchange Service in Kansas on April 6, 1998, in Docket No. 98-AMAC-465-COC. Staff further finds

that Ameracatel's transfer of the Company's customer base and corporate restructuring led to the Company's Certificate cancellation request. Staff finds that Ameracatel is current on Kansas Universal Service Fund payments, current on Annual Report filings, and has no Kansas customers. Thus, no customers will be impacted by the cancellation of Ameracatel's IXC Certificate. Staff recommends the Commission cancel Ameracatel's IXC Certificate.

4. The Commission adopts Staff's R&R of July 15, 2015, and finds that Ameracatel's request should be granted and its IXC Certificate cancelled.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. Ameracatel Corporation's Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Interexchange Service within Kansas is cancelled.
- B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition for reconsideration. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further orders, as necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: ______ JUL 3 0 2015 ______ Amy L

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DATE:

July 15, 2015

RE:

Docket No. 15-AMAC-589-CCS (IXC)

In the Matter of the Cancellation of All Operating Certificates of Convenience and Authority Previously Granted to Ameracatel

Corporation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 10, 2015, Americated Corporation (Americated) filed a letter asking the Commission to Cease its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Interexchange Service within Kansas. Staff recommends approval of this request.

BACKGROUND:

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 decertificate public utilities from K.S.A. 66-131.

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.

ANALYSIS:

The Company was provided a Certificate to provide interexchange services (IXC) in Kansas on April 6, 1998, in Docket No. 98-AMAC-465-COC.

Ameracatel transferred its customer base to Matrix Telecom, Inc. and finalized a corporate restructuring effective December 30, 2014, resulting in this request to cease the Company's Certificate.

Ameracatel is current with regard to Kansas Universal Service Fund payments. The Company is current with regard to Annual Report filings. The Company has no customers in Kansas so no customers will be impacted with the cancellation of its IXC Certificate. Staff has no concern with the cancellation of this Certificate.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Applicant's request to cancel the Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide Interexchange Service within Kansas.

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

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