

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

Before Commissioners:                    Andrew J. French, Chair  
   Dwight D. Keen  
   Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Application of Telecom    )  
Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone for    )  
Permission to Cease Operating as a                    )                    Docket No. 24-TMIC-352-CCS  
Telecommunications Public Utility in the State    )  
of Kansas.    )

**ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (the “Commission”) on the application of Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone (“Telecom Management”) for permission to cease operating as a telecommunications public utility throughout the State of Kansas. Having reviewed its files and records and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

**I.        FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.        On October 23, 2023, Telecom Management submitted an application requesting the Commission to cancel the Certificate of Convenience and Authority (the “Certificate”) to transact business as a provider of resale interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Kansas, granted to Telecom Management on July 15, 2004, in Docket Number 04-TIMC-1129-COC. Telecom Management further requested that the accepted tariff accompanying the Certificate also be cancelled.

2.        As represented in its application, Telecom Management does not have telecommunications customers or operations in Kansas and Telecom Management does not offer any services to any Kansas customers.

3. On December 11, 2023, Commission technical staff (“Staff”) submitted Staff’s Report and Recommendation (including the Exhibit to it, “R&R”)—attached as **Attachment A** and incorporated by reference—recommending the Commission grant Telecom Management’s application and cancel Telecom Management’s Certificate because there are no Kansas consumers who will be adversely affected by such action.<sup>1</sup> Staff further recommends the Commission direct Vantage Point Solutions (“VPS”) to close Telecom Management’s Kansas Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”) account.<sup>2</sup>

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Under K.S.A. 66-1,188, the Commission generally does not have jurisdiction to supervise or control telecommunications carriers; however, the Commission retains authority and jurisdiction under K.S.A. 66-2005(z)(1) to authorize applications of telecommunications carriers for cancellation of certificates of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications services in the State of Kansas.

5. The Commission derives authority under K.S.A. 66-131 to certify or de-certify that public convenience and necessity will be promoted by the transaction of a business and permitting such applicants to transact the business of a common carrier or public utility in the State of Kansas.

6. Because Telecom Management does not have any Kansas customers, the provision of thirty (30) –days’ notice under K.A.R. 82-13-2 is neither necessary nor applicable.

7. The Commission adopts Staff’s R&R in its entirety and finds that the public convenience and necessity will be promoted by the granting of Telecom Management’s application and cancelling its Certificate and any accompanying tariffs.

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<sup>1</sup> R&R p. 2 (Dec. 11, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

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

A. The application filed by Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone (“Telecom Management”) for permission to cease operating as a telecommunications public utility throughout the State of Kansas is approved and the Certificate of Convenience and Authority of Telecom Management to transact business as a provider of resale interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Kansas, granted to Telecom Management on July 15, 2004, in Docket Number 04-TIMC-1129-COC, is cancelled as of the date stated in the electronic file-stamp affixed hereto.

B. Vantage Point Solutions (“VPS”) shall close Telecom Management’s Kansas Universal Service Fund (“KUSF”) account as of the date stated in the electronic file-stamp affixed hereto.

C. Telecom Management must relinquish all assigned central office codes, if any, and all assigned blocks of numbers, if any, and provide written notice of the relinquishment to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator in accordance with the current guidelines of the Industry Numbering Committee.<sup>3</sup> Further, Telecom Management must provide the Commission with a copy of the notice when the notice is sent to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.<sup>4</sup>

D. 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>5</sup>

E. The Commission retains jurisdiction over Telecom Management and this matter for the purpose of entering further orders, as the Commission may deem necessary.

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<sup>3</sup> K.A.R. 82-13-2(g).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</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.**

French, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner.

Dated: 01/04/2024



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

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# **Attachment A**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**  
**UTILITIES DIVISION**

**To:** Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner  
Annie Kuether, Commissioner

**From:** Drennan Dolsky, Telecommunications Analyst  
Steve Garrett, Deputy Chief of Telecommunications  
Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utilities

**Date:** December 11, 2023

**Subject:** Docket No. 24-TMIC-352-CCS – In the Matter of the Application of Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone for Permission to Cease Operating as a Telecommunications Public Utility in the State of Kansas.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On October 23, 2023, the Kansas Corporation Commission (the “Commission”) opened Docket Number 24-TMIC-352-CCS on the application of Telecom Management, Inc. d/b/a Pioneer Telephone (“Telecom Management”) requesting to withdraw the Certificate of Convenience and Authority (“Certificate”) and the accompanying interexchange telecommunications tariff (“IXC Tariff”) granted to Telecom Management by the Commission in Docket Number 04-TMIC-1129-COC so to provide interexchange telecommunications services (“IXC”) in Kansas, based on a letter—attached as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated by reference—dated and received by the Commission on October 23, 2023.

Commission technical staff (“Staff”) recommends approval of Telecom Management’s request to withdraw its IXC Certificate and the accompanying IXC Tariff. Staff also recommends the Commission direct Vantage Point Solutions (“VPS”), the Kansas Universal Service Fund (the “KUSF”) administrator, to close Telecom Management’s KUSF account.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission derives its authority to regulate telecommunications carriers from K.S.A. 66-1,188 and K.S.A. 66-2005(z)(1). The Commission derives its authority to certificate and de-certificate common carriers and public utilities from K.S.A. 66-131. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-131, the Commission must review all certification and de-certification applications to determine whether the public convenience will be promoted by granting the request.

**ANALYSIS:**

Telecom Management was granted a Certificate to provide IXC services pursuant to an accompanying IXC Tariff in Docket No. 04-TMIC-1129-COC on July 15, 2004.

Telecom Management stated in its October 23rd letter that, as of December 31, 2022, it did not have any Kansas customers or operations in the State of Kansas and it is not offering any services to any Kansas customers. Telecom Management does not have any Kansas customers, so a customer notice is not necessary since there will be no harm to Kansas consumers.

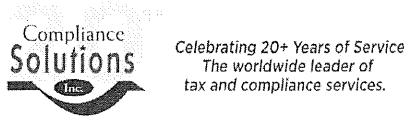
Telecom Management has a current Annual Interrogatory on file with the Commission. Telecom Management is current with its KUSF and Commission obligations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

As no customers will be adversely affected by this filing, Staff recommends the Commission approve Telecom Management's request to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Authority for IXC services and the accompanying IXC Tariff within the State of Kansas. Staff further recommends the Commission direct VPS to close the Company's KUSF account.

# **Exhibit 1**





VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

October 23, 2023

Kansas Corporation Commission  
Attn: Secretary, Lynn Retz  
1500 SW Arrowhead Road  
Topeka, Kansas 66604

**RE: - Telecom Management, Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone – Request to Withdraw its Certificate of Convenience**

Dear Ms. Retz:

Telecom Management, Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone was approved on June 23, 2004, for a Certificate of Convenience in Docket No 04-TIMC-1129-COC. As of December 31, 2022, Telecom Management, Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone has no telecommunications customers or operations in Kansas and is not offering any services to any Kansas customers. For these reasons, we request that the Commission cancel the registration, as well as any tariffs, on file as soon as possible. A customer notice is not necessary as there are no customers in service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, or if further action is required, please contact me at (407) 794-3488 or [regulatory@csilongwood.com](mailto:regulatory@csilongwood.com).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mark Lammert

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Attorney-in-Fact  
Telecom Management, Inc. dba Pioneer Telephone

**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 electronic service on 01/04/2024.

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