### THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair Jay Scott Emler Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Cancellation of All Operating Certificates of Convenience and Authority Previously Granted to Globalinx Enterprises, Inc.

Docket No. 15-TMCC-482-CCS (IXC)

## **ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATE**

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The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and record, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On April 15, 2015, Globalinx Enterprises, Inc. (Globalinx) filed a letter of even date requesting cancellation of its Certificate of Convenience and Authority (Certificate) authorizing the company to provide interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Kansas. Globalinx states that it has made a business decision to cease being a telecommunications service provider and is in the process of withdrawing all of its regulatory licenses within the various states and generally winding down its business. The company further indicates that it has provided notice to its customers of its decision and informing them of the need to find a new service provider. To ease any customer disruption, Globalinx states that it has made arrangements with Birch Telecom, Inc. (Birch), one of the company's wholesale vendors; to maintain service to Globalinx's customers should they elect to authorize Birch to be their service provider going forward.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Commission's authority to supervise telecommunications public utilities derives from K.S.A. 66-1,188. The Commission's authority to certificate and de-certificate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Globalinx ltr. of April 15, 2015

public utilities derives 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.

On June 23, 2015, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed its Report and 3. Recommendation dated June 16, 2015, recommending that the Commission cancel Globalinx's Certificate authorizing the company to provide interexchange telecommunication service in Kansas. According to Staff, the company's Certificate authorizing it to provide interexchange telecommunications services (IXC) in Kansas was issued to Tri-M Communications, Inc., (Tri-M) pursuant to the Commission's Order of October 16, 1998, issued in Docket No. 99-TMCC-187-COC. Subsequently, Tri-M changed its name to Globalinx Enterprises, Inc., which name change was approved by the Commission pursuant to an Order issued April 10, 2014, in Docket No. 14-TMCC-331-CCN. According to Staff, Globalinx is current with regard to Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) assessments and Annual Report filings. Staff adds that Globalinx has no customers in Kansas; therefore, no customers will be impacted by cancellation of the company's Certificate. Concluding, Staff states that it has no concerns regarding the requested cancellation of Globalinx's Certificate and recommends Commission approval of the company's request.<sup>2</sup>

4. The Commission adopts Staff's analysis and recommendation of June 16, 2015, as stated in its Report and Recommendation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and finds that Globalinx's request is reasonable, in the public interest, and should be granted and the company's Certificate canceled.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Report and Recommendation, page \_\_\_.

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

(A). Globalinx Enterprises, Inc.'s request filed in this matter on April 15, 2015, is hereby granted and Globalinx's Certificate of Convenience and Authority authorizing it to provide interexchange telecommunications service in the State of Kansas is hereby canceled, effective as of the date of this Order.

(B). 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. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

(C). The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

### BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUN 3 0 2015

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Amy L. Gilbert Secretary

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Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair Jay Scott Emler, Commissioner Pat Apple, Commissioner



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# **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION UTILITIES DIVISION**

- TO: Chair Shari Feist Albrecht Commissioner Jay Scott Emler Commissioner Pat Apple
- **FROM:** Kelly Mabon, Telecommunications Analyst Christine Aarnes, Chief of Telecommunications Jeff McClanahan, Director of Utililites
- **DATE:** June 16, 2015
- RE: Docket No. 15-TMCC-482-CCS (IXC) In the Matter of the Cancellation of All Operating Certificates of Convenience and Authority Previously Granted to Globalinx Enterprises, Inc.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On April 15, 2015, Globalinx Enterprises, Inc. (Globalinx) 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 October 16, 1998, in Docket No. 99-TMCC-187-COC under the name Tri-M Communications, Inc. The Company filed to change its name to Globalinx Enterprises,

Inc. in Docket No. 14-TMCC-331-CCN and the Commission granted the name change on April 10, 2014.

Globalinx submitted a Notice to its customers telling them of its decision to cease and informing them customer accounts and services would be transferred to Birch Communications.

Globalinx 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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ORDER MAILED JUL 0 1 2015

The Docket Room hereby certified that on this day of , 20 , it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.