

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**July 29, 2019**

**IN RE:**

**APPLICATION OF RICHARD T. WATKINS  
DBA PUBLIC PAY PHONES FOR  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COCOT  
SERVICE IN TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.**

**02-00210**

**Cancellation Request Co. ID:**

**128770**

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**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CUSTOMER OWNED  
COIN OR COINLESS OPERATED TELEPHONE SERVICE**

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This matter came before Chair Robin L. Morrison, Vice Chair Kenneth C. Hill, and Commissioner John Hie of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission" or "TPUC"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, during a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on July 15, 2019. Richard T. Watkins d/b/a Public Pay Phones ("Public Pay Phones" or the "Company") filed an Application to provide Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") Service within the State of Tennessee on February 26, 2002. During a Commission Conference held on March 12, 2002, the Commissioners found that the Company had met all the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-04-02-.43 through 1220-04-02-.45 to provide COCOT service in Tennessee and approved the Application. On June 25, 2019, the Commission received a request from the Company to cancel its authority. Based upon careful consideration of the record in this matter, the Commissioners voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its authority to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Chair Robin L. Morrison, Vice Chair Kenneth C. Hill, and Commissioner John Hie concur.**

**ATTEST:**



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**Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director**