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## TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

502 DEADERICK STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard

Director Kenneth C. Hill Director Robin Morrison

FROM:

Karen Carr, Compliance Officer, Consumer Services Division

Lisa Cooper, Chief, Consumer Services Division

DATE:

October 9, 2015

REFERENCE: Cancellation of Authority to Provide Customer Owned Coin/Coinless

Operated Telephone Service – MBM Telephone

Docket No. 02-01260

The Consumer Services Division recommends that the panel revoke the authority of MBM Telephone, Company ID No. 128813, to provide Customer Owned Coin/Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") service in Tennessee due to failure to submit to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority an annual inspection and service fee for each instrument's location on or before July 1.

MBM Telephone originally filed an application with the Authority to provide COCOT service within the state of Tennessee on November 20, 2002. During a regularly scheduled Authority Conference, held on December 16, 2002, the Directors found that MBM Telephone had met all of the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. and Regs 1220-4-2-.43 through 1220-4-2-.45 to operate COCOTS in Tennessee.

Notices via certified mail were sent on both October 16, 2014 and on April 30, 2015 advising MBM Telephone that continued failure to fulfill obligations stipulated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301 would result in cancellation of the privilege to conduct business in Tennessee as a COCOT provider. Despite repeated attempts to contact MBM Telephone, the company has failed to

respond or remit the applicable regulatory fees; therefore, the reasonable recourse is canceling the company's authorization to operate as a COCOT provider.

C: Vice-Chairman David F. Jones Executive Director Earl Taylor Division Chiefs

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April 30, 2015

MBM Telephone ATTN: Heather Hopkins 212 Southside Square Petersburg, TN 37114

Dear Madam:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301 requires every owner or operator of a public telephone service subject to the control and jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to pay an annual inspection and supervision fee for each service location. Please complete the enclosed Statement of Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephones ("COCOTS") for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and return it with the appropriate fee to the above address on or before May 14, 2015.

Failure to submit this form and the appropriate fee by May 14, 2015 will result in the immediate cancellation of authority to operate COCOTs, and will appear on the next Authority Agenda.

If you do not have any payphones at the present time, a minimum payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) is due in order to maintain an active COCOT certification. If you do not wish to renew, please request cancellation of your certification to the TRA by mail or fax to 615-741-8953 or alternatively you may email your request to <a href="mailto:karen.carr@tn.gov">karen.carr@tn.gov</a>.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (615) 770-6871.

Thank you,

Karen Carr, Compliance Officer

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CC: Lisa Cooper, Chief of Consumer Services Division
Stacy Balthrop, Deputy Chief of Consumer Services Division

Enclosure



