

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 10, 2016

IN RE:)	DOCKET NO.
)	03-00608
APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE TEL-CO)	
FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	Company ID:
COCOT SERVICES IN TENNESSEE)	36523

**ORDER REVOKING AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COCOT SERVICES
IN TENNESSEE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FEES**

This matter came before Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Morrison of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 8, 2016 to revoke the authority of Tri-State Tel-Co (the "Company") to offer Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone ("COCOT") service in Tennessee due to non-payment of fees.

The Company filed an Application to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee on November 2, 2003.¹ During an Authority Conference held on December 8, 2003, the Directors found that the Company had met all the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.43 through 1220-4-2-.45 to provide COCOT service in Tennessee and approved the Application.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301(b) (2015), every owner or operator of a public pay telephone shall submit to the TRA an annual inspection and supervision fee for each service

¹ The COCOT authority granted to the Company in Docket No. 90-05100 was revoked for non-payment of fees on September 22, 2003.

location on or before July 1 of each year. A notice advising the Company of its obligation to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-301(b) (2015) was mailed on May 1, 2015, and a Notice of Cancellation was mailed on August 3, 2015, via certified mail. As of the February 8, 2016 Authority Conference, the Company had failed to submit its annual inspection and supervision fee to the Authority.

Based upon careful consideration of the record in this matter, the Directors voted unanimously to revoke the Company's authority to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

As a result of non-payment of fees, the authority previously granted to Tri-State Tel-Co to provide COCOT service within the State of Tennessee is revoked, and this docket is closed.

Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Morrison concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director