

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 22, 2025

IN RE:)	
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SHOW CAUSE PROCEEDING AGAINST S&B)	DOCKET NO.
TENNESSEE ENTERPRISES INC. F/K/A MONSTER)	25-00055
BROADBAND INC. FOR VIOLATION OF TENN.)	COMPANY ID:
CODE ANN.§§ 65-4-301 ET SEQ. FOR FAILING TO)	129193
FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT AND NONPAYMENT)	
OF INSPECTION FEES)	

**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

This matter came before Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner Clay R. Good, Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill, and Commissioner David Crowell 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 September 15, 2025. On February 2, 2018, the Commission issued an order granting S&B Tennessee Enterprises Inc. f/k/a Monster Broadband Inc. (“S&B” or “Company”) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to provide competing local exchange telecommunications services.¹

On July 30, 2025, Commission Staff as a Party (“Party Staff”) filed a *Petition to Convene a Show Cause Proceeding* (“*Petition*”) asserting that S&B had violated Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-4-301 and 303 by not filing an annual revenue report and annual inspection fee.² In addition, the *Petition* stated that S&B sold its telecommunications assets and customers to PB Tennessee Asset Entity, LLC (“PB TN”)³ and that S&B does not provide and does not intend to provide telecommunications

¹ *In re: Application of Monster Broadband, Inc. for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local Telecommunications Services*, Docket No. 17-00065, *Initial Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* (February 2, 2018).

² *Petition* (July 30, 2025).

³ PB TN holds a CCN to provide competing local telecommunication services. *See In re: Application of Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC for a Certificate to Provide Competing Local and Intrastate Telecommunications Services in the State of Tennessee*, Docket No. 19-00054, *Amended Initial Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* (October 11, 2019). *See also In re: Application of Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC for a Certificate to*

services in the state of Tennessee.⁴ However, the S&B and PB TN do not agree as to whether S&B's CCN to provide competing local telecommunications service was included in the asset sale.⁵

S&B filed a response to the *Petition* on August 11, 2025, which provided additional details of the transaction between S&B and PB TN.⁶ In its *Response*, S&B stated that it “ceased to exist as a telecommunications carrier” upon the closing of the asset sale to PB TN on November 11, 2022.⁷ Further, the *Response* requested cancellation of its CCN and referenced a formal request for cancellation filed concomitantly with the *Response* in accordance with Commission Rule 1220-04-08-.05.⁸

As referenced in S&B's *Response* on August 11, 2025, the Commission received a request from the Company to cancel its CCN because it has no customers, operations, or telecommunications assets in Tennessee. In light of these additional facts, the Commission finds that the Company is in good standing with the Commission concerning payment of mandatory inspection fees.⁹ Based upon careful consideration of the entire record in this matter, the Commissioners voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its CCN. A copy of this order shall be filed in Docket No. 17-00065.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard,
Commissioner Robin L. Morrison,
Commissioner Clay R. Good,
Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill, and
Commissioner David Crowell concurred.**

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

Provide Competing Local and Intrastate Telecommunications Services in the State of Tennessee, Docket No. 19-00054, Notice of Proposed Pro Forma Assignment of Assets, Including Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to PB Tennessee Asset Entity, LLC (June 27, 2025).

⁴ *Petition*, p. 3 (July 30, 2025).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Response of S&B Tennessee Enterprises Inc. to Petition to Convene a Show Cause Proceeding* (August 11, 2025) (“*Response*”).

⁷ *Id.* at 1.

⁸ *Id.* at 1-2.

⁹ This docket was established to seek the cancellation of the Company's CCN for nonpayment of annual inspection fees. However, the Company paid annual inspection fees that were due in 2023 based upon its 2022 revenue. The Company did not pay annual inspection fees that became due in 2024 and 2025 because it believed that its CCN had been transferred to PB TN along with the telecommunications assets of the Company, including the right to operate under the name, Monster Broadband Inc. *See Petition*, p. 3 (July 30, 2025).