

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 25, 2022

IN RE:)	
)	DOCKET NO.
APPLICATION OF CHARLES H. RULE)	90-04091
D/B/A RULE AMERICAN SERVICE)	
STATION FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	Cancellation Request Co. ID:
COCOT SERVICE IN TENNESSEE)	35658

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

This matter came before Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner David F. Jones, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner Clay R. Good, and Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill, 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 11, 2022, to consider a request to cancel the COCOT authority of Charles H. Rule d/b/a Rule American Service Station (“RASS” or the “Company”).

In 1990, Charles H. Rule d/b/a Rule American Service Station (“RASS” or the “Company”) had filed an Application to provide Customer Owned Coin or Coinless Operated Telephone (“COCOT”) Service within the State of Tennessee. During a regularly scheduled Commission Conference, the Commission 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. Further, the Commission approved the Company’s request to change its name to Rule American

Service Station during a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on June 20, 2000.¹

On May 9, 2022, RASS filed a request to cancel its COCOT authority in Tennessee asserting that it has no customers or phones in Tennessee nor any plans to provide payphone services in the future. Based upon careful consideration of the record in this matter, the panel voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its authority to provide COCOT service in Tennessee.

FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

**Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard,
Commissioner David F. Jones,
Commissioner Robin L. Morrison,
Commissioner Clay R. Good, and
Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill, concurring.**

None dissenting.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

¹ *Application, Order and Inspection Fees* (February 25, 2013).