BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment AgainstTELEMANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.In the Amount of $1,000.. | DOCKET UT-140920COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND CANCEL HEARING |

1. On June 2, 2014, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment against TeleManagement Systems, Inc. (TeleManagement or Company) in the above-referenced docket, for ten violations of WAC 480-120-382, which requires that telecommunications companies furnish annual reports to the Commission no later than May 1 each year. On June 16, 2014, Christy Bodaness of TeleManagement filed a request for hearing on behalf of the Company, accompanied by a letter. The Company stated that it submitted a letter in August 2013, and paperwork reflecting cessation of Washington operations, and provided documentation that it ceased doing business in Washington in 2012 and had no revenues in the 2013 business year. The Company included its 2013 Annual Report with its request for hearing.
2. The Commission has scheduled a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding on August 26, 2014, to consider the matter.
3. Commission records reflect no formal request from TeleManagement to the Commission to cancel the registration on file. Commission Staff has confirmed that the Company closed its operating license with the Washington Department of Revenue in 2013 and reported no revenues for 2013. Commission Staff will accept the Company’s documentation as proof that the Company no longer operates in Washington. The letter provided by Ms. Bodaness on June 16, 2014, will serve as notice of cessation of service and voluntarily cancellation of TeleManagment’s registration. This has been assigned Docket No. UT-143083 and will be on the Commission’s August 28, 2014, open meeting agenda. A penalty assessment may serve both to punish noncompliance as well as provide an incentive to comply in the future. Neither of these goals is furthered if the Company ceased operations in Washington and is no longer registered to provide telecommunications service in Washington. Accordingly, Commission Staff requests that the penalty assessment be withdrawn and the hearing canceled.

 DATED this 13th day of August, 2014.

 Respectfully submitted,

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