

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. C-5050/DC-94
Public Service Commission)
Communications Department, on)
its own motion, regarding the) COMPLAINT DISMISSED, IN PART
2018 Annual Report filings.)
)
) Entered: August 6, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

By original complaint dated May 14, 2019, the Communications Department (Department) of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) initiated this docket requesting the Commission to administratively fine and/or revoke the operating authority of various interexchange and local exchange telecommunications companies for failure to file annual reports pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-159. All such companies who had not filed annual reports with the Commission, who had filed incomplete annual reports, or who had not paid fines for filing their annual reports after the April 30th deadline were named as respondents in this docket. A copy of the Complaint and the Order to Show Cause was mailed to each defendant via certified United States mail.

The respondents named in the complaint are interexchange (IXC) and local exchange (LEC) telecommunications companies generally regulated by the Commission, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 75-101 et. seq. and §§ 86-101 et. seq. Respondents are also governed by 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 5, of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Each of the respondents was required to file a complete annual report and payment with the Commission before April 30th, 2019, but failed to do so despite repeated communications from Commission staff.

The companies listed below have signed a stipulation with the Department wherein each defendant admits to filing its report late and has paid an administrative fine, in accordance with the Commission's Annual Report Fining Policy. The Department has requested that the Commission dismiss from the departmental complaint the following companies:

American Telecommunications Systems, Inc.
IDT America, Corp
Network Billing Systems, LLC
Operator Service Company, LLC
Protocall LLC

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Additionally, **Applied Communications Technology, Inc.** was listed on the Complaint due to outstanding issues regarding its certificate of authority. These issues have since been resolved, and the Commission finds that it is appropriate to dismiss this carrier from the Complaint at this time.

The Commission finds that the signed stipulations are satisfactory and therefore the above-listed respondents should be dismissed from the complaint.

Each above-listed respondent to be dismissed from the Complaint pursuant to this Order is hereby advised that this Commission will not tolerate similar behavior in 2020 regarding the filing of the company's 2019 annual report. If reports are not received by the Commission on or before April 30, 2019, the option of resolving the complaint through a stipulation will be closely scrutinized. All companies that have agreed to such a stipulation will be considered a willful violator and will be subject to additional penalties and/or administrative sanctions.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that **American Telecommunications Systems, Inc., IDT America, Corp, Network Billing Systems, LLC, Operator Service Company, LLC, Protocall LLC, and Applied Communications Technology, Inc.** be, and hereby are, dismissed from the departmental complaint in Application No. C-5050 / DC-94.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of August, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chair

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