

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Re-Link)
 Digital Communications, Inc. for Authority) Case No. 07-852-TP-ABN
 to Discontinue All Telecommunications)
 Service in the State of Ohio.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On September 7, 2007, as amended on September 14, 2007, Re-Link Digital Communications, Inc. (Re-Link) filed an application seeking the discontinuance of all telecommunications service to customers in Ohio pursuant to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 90-9263. Additionally, for the reasons described below, Re-Link seeks an expedited ruling on its application.
- (2) In support of its application, Re-Link asserts that, due to severe financial difficulties, it intends to dissolve in the near future. The company also states that has received notification from its underlying carrier, AT&T Ohio, that its service will be disconnected during the week of September 17, 2007, as a result of past due arrearages that cannot be satisfied.

Re-Link explains that it is reseller of local exchange service in the AT&T Ohio service territory. At the time of its initial application in this case, Re-Link represented that it had 24 retail customers, all located in the Columbus metropolitan area.

The company submits that, on August 27, 2007, it provided notification to its customers that they should select a new telecommunications provider inasmuch as the company would be ceasing its operations in the near future. On August 31, 2007, the company sent an additional notice to its customers informing them that the termination date would be on or about the week of September 17, 2007. Additionally, Re-Link states that as of September 14, 2007, it had contacted all of its remaining 10 Ohio customers by telephone to ensure that they had received the prior written notice and were taking the necessary steps to migrate their services by the established deadline.

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- (3) Rule 4901:1-6-10, Ohio Administrative Code, provides, in pertinent part, that when a local exchange company intends to discontinue its entire operations and cancel its certificate, it must file an abandonment application and obtain Commission approval prior to discontinuing its operations.
- (4) Upon reviewing Re-Link's application, the Commission calls attention to the fact that, due to the impending termination of service by Re-Link's underlying carrier during the week of September 17, 2007, the 90-day advanced filing requirement of Rule 4901:1-6-10, Ohio Administrative Code, will not be satisfied. Although the Commission recognizes the unique circumstances of this case, the Commission expects that, as a standard practice, companies file their abandonment applications in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Upon considering the application and motion for expedited treatment filed in this case, the Commission finds that they should both be approved. Therefore, Re-Link's certificate and corresponding tariff shall be cancelled effective September 19, 2007. In reaching this determination, the Commission calls attention to the fact that the company's customers have received two written notices and one phone call regarding the current need to select a new local provider, and that the company has continued to assist in the migration of their customers to new providers. Additionally, the Commission recognizes that AT&T Ohio intends to disconnect service to Re-Link during the week of September 17, 2007.

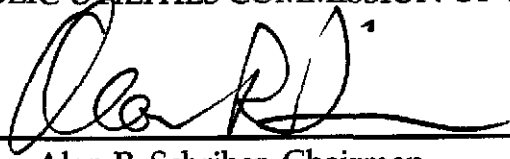
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Re-Link's application to abandon its operating authority is approved in accordance with Finding (4). It is, further,

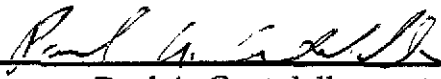
ORDERED, That Certificate No. 90-9263 and its corresponding tariff should be cancelled in accordance with Finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



Alan R. Schriber, Chairman



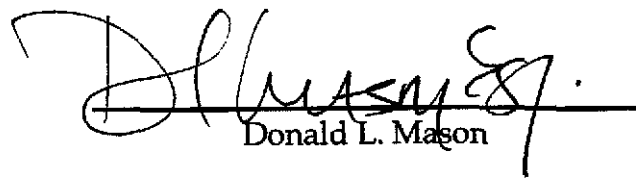
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