

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-015T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS
OPERATOR SERVICES, INC. FOR A LETTER OF REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE
EMERGING COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.

ORDER GRANTING LETTER OF REGISTRATION

Mailed Date: February 13, 2003

Adopted Date: February 12, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement and Findings of Fact

1. On January 13, 2003, Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. (Consolidated Communications), filed a request for a Letter of Registration (LOR) to provide non-optional operator services. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-25.

2. Specifically, Consolidated Communications seeks a LOR to provide non-optional operator services throughout the State of Colorado. Consolidated Communications' request does not seek any specific form of relaxed regulation.

3. Notice of the application was posted on the Commission's web site on January 15, 2003. Interventions were due on or before February 4, 2003. None were filed.

B. Discussion

4. The Commission finds that this matter may be considered without a hearing pursuant to § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.

5. Granting Consolidated Communications' request is consistent with the legislative policy statements contained in § 40-15-101, C.R.S. Consolidated Communications has stated sufficient grounds to warrant the approval of its request. Therefore, a LOR will be granted.

6. Providers of non-optional operator services are granted specific regulatory treatment. 4 CCR 723-18-5.3. This Order does not grant any other specific form of relaxed regulation.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., is granted a Letter of Registration to provide intrastate, non-optional operator services throughout the State of Colorado. Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., shall not provide non-optional operator services in Colorado until: 1) the Commission approves its tariffs or price lists for relevant services; and the applicant complies with applicable Commission rules and any conditions established by Commission order

2. Within three years of the Mailing Date of this Decision and Order, Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., shall file an advice letter containing a proposed tariff to become effective on not less than 30 days' notice. 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25. If a Letter of Registration for Nonoptional Operator Services has been granted, a tariff shall also include the relevant operator service rules (4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-18-6). Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., may also file a separate price list with the tariff.

3. If Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., fails to file a tariff and price list pursuant to ordering paragraph 2 above, this Decision and Order shall be deemed null and void. For good cause shown, and if a proper request is filed within three years of the Mailing Date of this Decision and Order, the Commission may grant Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., additional time within which to file a tariff and price list.

4. Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., will be required to participate in the High Cost Support Mechanism and the Public Utilities Commission Fixed Utilities Fund. Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc., shall participate in any other financial support mechanisms that may be created in the future to implement §§ 40-15-502(4) and (5), C.R.S. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the Letter of Registration.

5. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 12, 2003.**

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