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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TELEGENIUS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE
COMPETITIVE RESOLD INTEREXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, EXCEPT
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES.

DOCKET NO. T-04029A-01-0515

DECISION NO. 65109

ORDER

Open Meeting
August 20 and 21, 2002
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 27, 2001, Telegenius, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Telegenius") filed with the Commission an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to provide competitive resold interexchange telecommunications services, except local exchange services, within the State of Arizona.
2. Applicant is a switchless reseller that purchases telecommunications services from a variety of carriers for resale to its customers.
3. In Decision No. 58926 (December 22, 1994), the Commission found that resold telecommunications providers ("resellers") are public service corporations subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
4. Telegenius has authority to transact business in the State of Arizona.
5. On October 11, 2001, Telegenius filed an Affidavit of Publication indicating compliance with the Commission's notice requirements.
6. On February 25, 2002, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Staff

1 Report in this matter recommending approval of the application subject to certain conditions, and
2 making other recommendations.

3 7. In its Staff Report, Staff stated that based on information obtained from the Applicant,
4 it has determined that Telegenius' fair value rate base is zero, and is too small to be useful in setting
5 rates. Staff further stated that in general, rates for competitive services are not set according to rate of
6 return regulation, but are heavily influenced by the market. Staff recommended that the Commission
7 not set rates for Telegenius based on the fair value of its rate base.

8 8. Staff believes that Telegenius has no market power and that the reasonableness of its
9 rates will be evaluated in a market with numerous competitors. In light of the competitive market in
10 which the Applicant will be providing its services, Staff believes that the rates in Applicant's
11 proposed tariffs for its competitive services will be just and reasonable, and recommends that the
12 Commission approve them.

13 9. Staff recommended approval of Telegenius' application subject to the following:

14 (a) The Applicant should be ordered to comply with all Commission rules, orders,
15 and other requirements relevant to the provision of intrastate telecommunications
16 service;

17 (b) The Applicant should be ordered to maintain its accounts and records as
18 required by the Commission;

19 (c) The Applicant should be ordered to file with the Commission all financial and
20 other reports that the Commission may require, and in a form and at such times as the
21 Commission may designate;

22 (d) The Applicant should be ordered to maintain on file with the Commission all
23 current tariffs and rates, and any service standards that the Commission may require;

24 (e) The Applicant should be ordered to comply with the Commission's rules and
25 modify its tariffs to conform to these rules if it is determined that there is a conflict
26 between the Applicant's tariffs and the Commission's rules;

27 (f) The Applicant should be ordered to cooperate with Commission investigations
28 of customer complaints;

(g) The Applicant should be ordered to participate in and contribute to a universal
service fund, as required by the Commission;

(h) The Applicant should be ordered to notify the Commission immediately upon

1 changes to the Applicant's address or telephone number;

2 (i) The Applicant's interexchange service offerings should be classified as
3 competitive pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1108;

4 (j) The Applicant's maximum rates should be the maximum rates proposed by the
5 Applicant in its proposed tariffs. The minimum rates for the Applicant's competitive
6 services should be the Applicant's total service long run incremental costs of
7 providing those services as set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1109; and

8 (k) In the event that the Applicant states only one rate in its proposed tariff for a
9 competitive service, the rate stated should be the effective (actual) price to be charged
10 for the service as well as the service's maximum rate.

11 10. Staff further recommended that Telegenius' Certificate should be conditioned upon
12 the Applicant filing conforming tariffs in accordance with this Decision within 365 days from the
13 date of an Order in this matter, or 30 days prior to providing service, whichever comes first.

14 11. Telegenius' proposed tariff indicates that it intends to collect advances, prepayments,
15 or deposits from its customers. Telegenius provided its unaudited financial statements for the period
16 ending August 31, 2001. The financial statements list assets of \$129,000, equity of \$165,234 and a
17 net income of \$3,381.

18 12. Based on Telegenius' financial condition and its indication it will collect advances,
19 prepayments, or deposits. Staff also recommended that:

20 (a) Telegenius' Certificate should be conditioned upon the Applicant procuring a
21 performance bond as described below, and filing proof of that performance
22 bond within 365 days from the date of an Order in this matter, or 30 days prior
23 to providing service, whichever comes first, and the bond must remain in effect
24 until further Order of the Commission;

25 (b) Telegenius be required to procure a performance bond in the initial amount of
26 \$10,000, with the minimum bond amount of \$10,000 to be increased if at any
27 time it would be insufficient to cover all advances, deposits, or prepayments
28 collected from its customers, in the following manner: The bond amount
should be increased in increments of \$5,000, with such increases to occur
whenever the total amount of the advances, deposits, and prepayments reaches
a level within \$1,000 under the actual bond amount, and

(c) If at some time in the future, Telegenius does not collect from its customers
any advances, prepayments or deposits, then Telegenius should be allowed to
file with the Commission a request for cancellation of its established
performance bond. Staff stated that after a review of such filing, Staff would
forward its recommendation on the matter to the Commission for a Decision.

13. Staff recommended that if the Applicant fails to meet the timeframes outlined in

1 Findings of Fact. Nos. 10 and 12 above, then Telegenius' Certificate should become null and void
2 without further Order of the Commission, and that no time extensions for compliance should be
3 granted.

4 14. The rates proposed by this filing are for competitive services.

5 15. Staff's recommendations as set forth herein are reasonable.

6 16. Telegenius' fair value rate base is zero.

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 1. Applicant is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the
9 Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282.

10 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject matter of the
11 application.

12 3. Notice of the application was given in accordance with the law.

13 4. Applicant's provision of resold interexchange telecommunications services is in the
14 public interest.

15 5. Applicant is a fit and proper entity to receive a Certificate as conditioned herein for
16 providing competitive resold interexchange telecommunications services in Arizona.

17 6. Staff's recommendations in Findings of Fact Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 should be
18 adopted.

19 7. Telegenius' fair value rate base is not useful in determining just and reasonable rates
20 for the competitive services it proposes to provide to Arizona customers.

21 8. Telegenius' rates, as they appear in its proposed tariffs, are just and reasonable and
22 should be approved.

23 **ORDER**

24 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of Telegenius, Inc. for a Certificate of
25 Convenience and Necessity for authority to provide competitive resold interexchange
26 telecommunications services, except local exchange services, is hereby granted, conditioned upon its
27 compliance with the conditions recommended by Staff as set forth in Findings of Fact Nos. 10 and 12
28 above.

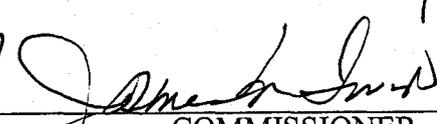
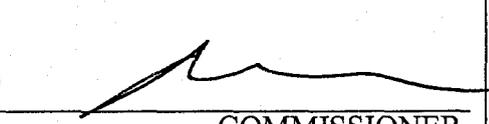
1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff's recommendations set forth in Findings of Fact Nos.
2 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 above are hereby adopted.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Telegenius, Inc. shall comply with the adopted Staff
4 recommendations as set forth in Findings of Fact Nos. 9, 10 and 12 above.

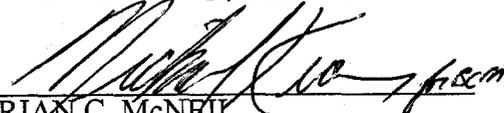
5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Telegenius, Inc. fails to meet the timeframes outlined in
6 Findings of Fact Nos. 10 and 12 above, then the Certificate conditionally granted herein shall become
7 null and void without further Order of the Commission.

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

9 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

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12 CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive
14 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have
15 hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the
16 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix,
17 this 22ND day of AUGUST, 2002.

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19 BRIAN C. McNEIL
20 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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