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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Arizona Corporation Commission
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF VALLEY CONNECTIONS, L.L.C. FOR
APPROVAL OF RESCISSION OF BOND
REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN
DECISION NO. 66846

DOCKET NO. T-04169A-14-0404
DECISION NO. 74983
ORDER

Open Meeting
March 2 and 3, 2015
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 10, 2014, Valley Connections, L.L.C. ("Valley Connections" or "Applicant") submitted an Application requesting rescission of the \$235,000 performance bond requirement contained in Decision No. 66846.

Background

2. On March 12, 2004, in Decision No. 66846, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") ordered Valley Connections to procure and file proof of a performance bond equal to \$235,000. As noted in its Application, Valley Connections currently has in place a \$235,000 Escrow Deposit Bond (No. PAIFSU 0382166) issued by International Fidelity Insurance Company and effective until June 22, 2015. The Applicant also indicated in its Application that Decision No. 66846 did not require Valley Connections to deposit the bond with the Commission. Staff has confirmed that the Business Office is not in possession of any bond documentation for Valley Connections. On January 15, 2015, a copy of the current bond was filed with Docket Control.

1 **Compliance**

2 3. According to the Corporations Division, Valley Connections is in good standing. The
3 Consumer Services Section of the Utilities Division reports there have been no complaints or
4 opinions about Valley Connections for the period of January 1, 2011 to December 19, 2014. A check
5 of the Compliance Database by the Compliance Section of the Utilities Division indicates there are no
6 delinquencies for Valley Connections; therefore Valley Connections is currently in compliance.

7 **Staff Recommendations**

8 4. The Commission has, in appropriate circumstances, relieved telecommunications
9 providers of the obligation to maintain a performance bond. Staff recommends Valley Connections
10 be relieved of the \$235,000 performance bond obligation contained in Decision No. 66846.

11 5. The Applicant states that, in order to release the performance bond and associated
12 documents, it is sufficient for the Commission to include in an ordering paragraph language
13 authorizing the Applicant to cancel, rescind, discontinue and be released from the performance bond
14 required by Decision No. 66846.

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16 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17 1. Valley Connections, L.L.C. is a public service corporation within the meaning of
18 Article XV of the Arizona Constitution.

19 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Valley Connections, L.L.C. and the subject
20 matter in this filing.

21 3. The Commission, having reviewed the filing and Staff's Memorandum dated February
22 11, 2015, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the Valley Connections, L.L.C.
23 Application as proposed and discussed herein.

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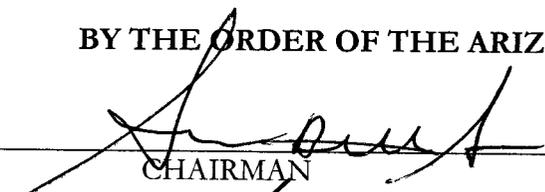
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Application of Valley Connections, L.L.C. to terminate the performance bond requirement contained in Decision No. 66846 be and hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Valley Connections, L.L.C. may cancel, rescind, discontinue and be released from any performance bond or other instrument obtained in compliance with the performance bond requirements set by Decision No. 66846.

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

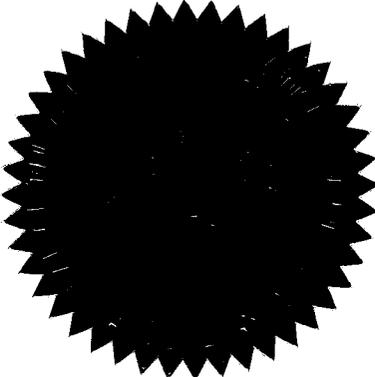

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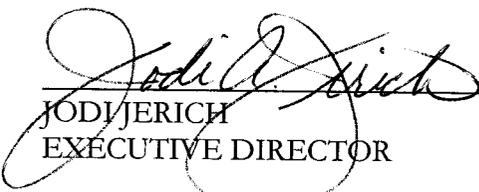

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 16th day of March, 2015.


JODI JERICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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