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TRANSFORMATION ORDER.

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DOCKET NO. T-02724A-17-0034

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Grants Motion and Administratively
Closes Docket)

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 3, 2017, Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. ("Table Top" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to A.R.S. §40-250 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103, for a determination of its earnings and the fair value of its investment. Table Top's application requested that its residential rates be increased as necessary to compensate for the rate impacts of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") November 18, 2011, USF/ICC Transformation Order ("USF/ICC Order"). Table Top stated that it depends on federal high-cost loop support mechanisms, and that to retain federal support it must increase local area rates to the annual floor as determined by the FCC. Table Top's application also requested an increase in its basic residential rate from \$18.00 per month to \$20.00 per month, effective June 1, 2017. Table Top did not file all of the schedules required for a typical rate case under A.A.C.

1 R14-2-103, and the Company requested a waiver of any provisions of this rule not required by the
2 Arizona Constitution and applicable laws. Table Top also requested that the processing of its
3 application receive expedited treatment.

4 On February 10, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued regarding consent to email service.

5 On February 14, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a procedural conference for
6 February 28, 2017.

7 On February 15, 2017, Table Top filed a Consent to Email Service.

8 On that same date, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Sufficiency Letter and
9 determined Table Top is a Class C utility.

10 On February 24, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued approving Table Top's consent to email
11 service.

12 On February 28, 2017, a procedural conference was held as scheduled. Discussion was held
13 regarding a compliance item ordered in Decision No. 74830 (November 13, 2014), which required the
14 Company to file a full rate case. Staff and the Company agreed that the Company would file a request
15 with the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. §40-252 to amend Decision No. 74830.¹ Further, the
16 timeclock in this matter was suspended pending further action by the Commission.

17 On April 13, 2017, Table Top filed a Motion to Consolidate. The Motion requested
18 consolidation of Docket Nos. T-02724A-17-0034 and T-02724A-13-0416, to accommodate the
19 Company's request to amend Decision No. 74830 to remove the requirement for the Company to file
20 a full rate case to justify an increase in rates from \$18 to \$20.

21 On the same date, the Company filed a Form of Notice to be provided to customers setting a
22 hearing in this matter.

23 On May 2, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued consolidating Docket Nos. T-02724A-13-0416
24 and T-02724A-17-0034 and this matter was set for hearing and other procedural deadlines were
25 established.

26 ¹ Decision No. 74830 was issued in Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416. On March 1, 2017, in Docket No. T-02724A-13-0416
27 Table Top filed a Motion to Amend Decision No. 74830 *Nunc Pro Tunc*. Subsequently, on March 28, 2017, Table Top
28 filed a Petition to Amend Decision No. 74830 pursuant to A.R.S. §40-252. On May 9, 2017, the Commission voted to
approve the Company's Petition to Amend Decision No. 74830 pursuant to A.R.S. §40-252, eliminating the requirement
for the Company to file a full rate case in this matter.

1 On May 4, 2017, Staff filed a Request for Extension of Time to File Staff Report from May 15,
2 2017, to May 19, 2017. Staff's request stated that the FCC had issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
3 and Order on April 27, 2017, which could, among other things, freeze the rate floor at \$18.00. Further,
4 Staff stated that the issue was scheduled to be voted on by the FCC on May 18, 2017, and that Staff's
5 recommendation in this matter would depend on the outcome of the FCC vote.

6 On May 10, 2017, a Procedural Order was issued granting Staff's Request for an Extension of
7 time to file the Staff Report until May 19, 2017.

8 On May 18, 2017, Table Top filed a Proof of Notice certifying that Table Top had published
9 notice in accordance with the Procedural Order dated May 2, 2017.

10 On May 19, 2017, Table Top Filed a Motion to Withdraw Application ("Motion").

11 On May 24, 2017, a full public hearing was held as scheduled before a duly authorized
12 Administrative Law Judge of the Commission. Table Top appeared telephonically through counsel.
13 Staff appeared through counsel. No members of the public appeared to give comments on the
14 application. Discussion was held regarding the Company's Motion to withdraw its application in this
15 matter. The Company's motion stated that the FCC had voted to freeze the nationwide rural rate floor
16 at the current \$18 rate. The Company's Motion also stated that based on the FCC decision to freeze
17 the rate at \$18 there is no basis or need for the relief sought in this this docket and that the Company
18 would provide notice to its customers regarding the FCC's recent ruling in its next billing cycle.
19 Further, the Motion requested that the Company be allowed to withdraw its application and that this
20 docket be administratively closed. Staff stated at the hearing that it had no objection to the Company's
21 requests and that Staff had reviewed the Company's proposed notice to its customers regarding the
22 FCC's latest decision.

23 The Company's requests are reasonable and should be approved.

24 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Table Top Telephone Company, Inc.'s Motion to
25 Withdraw its rate application filed in this docket is hereby granted.

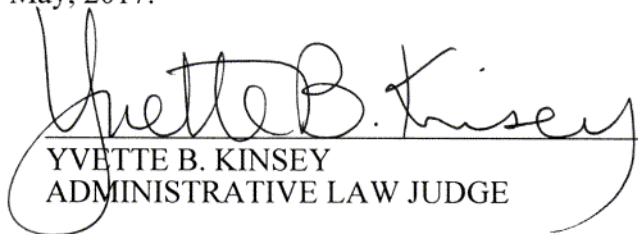
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **Docket Nos. T-02724A-13-0416 and T-02724A-17-0034**
2 **are hereby administratively closed.**

3 DATED this 31st day of May, 2017.

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2 Order Directing the Administrative Closure of the Docket, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on
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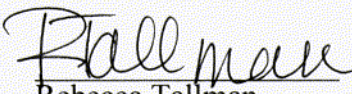
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