

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6159

Petition of EZ Talk Communications L. L. C. for)
a certificate of public good to operate as a local)
and long distance provider of telecommunications)
services in Vermont)

Entered: May 28, 1999

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD
ISSUED PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A. SECTION 231

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont ("Board") on this day finds and adjudges that the issuance of a certificate of public good ("CPG") to EZ Talk Communications, L. L. C. ("EZ Talk") and that the provision of intrastate telecommunications services, including local exchange service, by EZ Talk will promote the general good of the State of Vermont, subject to the following conditions:

1. EZ Talk is subject to the provisions of Title 30, Vermont Statutes Annotated, to the same extent as other regulated utilities.
2. Prior to offering any telecommunications service in Vermont, EZ Talk shall file tariffs as required by 30 V.S.A. § 225(a).
3. EZ Talk shall terminate all telecommunications traffic routed to its customers by any telecommunications carrier with which EZ Talk interconnects.
4. EZ Talk shall file with the Board all of its contracts for intrastate service with Vermont customers. All information in such contracts shall be public except individual customer data.
5. EZ Talk may participate in any Board investigation into local competition and/or competitive access services. EZ Talk shall be bound to comply with any lawful requirement imposed by the Board in Docket 5713 (and follow-on proceedings), Docket 5903, and Docket 5918, any docket or rule established with respect to E-911 service, and any other docket or rulemaking proceeding governing the obligations of telecommunications carriers in Vermont.
6. EZ Talk's books, accounts, statements, and other financial records shall, in accordance with Vermont law, be made available for examination by the Board or the Department of Public Service.

7. This CPG may not be transferred to any other party without prior approval by the Public Service Board.

8. If EZ Talk does business in the State of Vermont under a name other than the name in use on the date of the Order in this Docket, it shall file a notice of the new trade name with the Clerk of the Board and the Department of Public Service at least 15 days prior to commencing business under the new trade name.¹

9. If EZ Talk at any time in the future proposes to offer operator services, it shall be required to comply with the Order of 1/6/95 in Docket No. 5566, Generic Investigation into the Regulation of Public Telephone and Alternative Operator Services in Vermont, and any future orders in that docket.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 28th day of May, 1999.

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| <u>s/ Michael H. Dworkin</u> |) | |
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| <u>s/ Suzanne D. Rude</u> |) | BOARD |
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| <u>s/ David C. Coen</u> |) | |

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: MAY 28, 1999

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

NOTICE TO READERS: This decision is subject to revision of technical errors. Readers are requested to notify the Clerk of the Board of any technical errors, in order that any necessary corrections may be made.

1. For a corporate name change, see 11 V.S.A. § 4.01 and 30 V.S.A. § 231. Petitioner may wish to contact the Clerk of the Board for assistance.