

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

**Application of Cypress Communications  
Operating Company, LLC filed seeking  
Commission approval for the Company's  
Discontinuance and Abandonment of  
Interexchange Carrier Reseller, Competitive  
Local Exchange Carrier, and Interexchange  
Carrier Services within the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania**

**Public Meeting – April 23, 2015  
2473258-TUS  
Docket No. A-2015-2473258**

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER PAMELA A. WITMER**

Before us today is the application of Cypress Communications Operating Company, LLC (Cypress Communications or Company) seeking to abandon its Certificate of Public Convenience because it is discontinuing services to the public in Pennsylvania. The application for abandonment indicates that Cypress Communications will no longer offer interexchange carrier reseller services, competitive local exchange carrier services or interexchange carrier services because the Company ceased providing any telecommunications services as of January 27, 2015. Cypress Communications had originally sought a Certificate of Public Convenience from this Commission in September 2000 to provide these same telecommunications services.

According to Cypress Communications' application for discontinuance and abandonment, the Company is ceasing operations in Pennsylvania and has requested that any active tariffs be cancelled. Also, the Company notified its customers of its intent to cease operations and informed them that other providers are available to meet their telecommunications needs.

I am highlighting this particular application for discontinuance and abandonment because it mirrors, word for word, another application on today's agenda which also requests our approval for discontinuance and abandonment. The Public Utility Code at Section 1102 clearly states that "a public utility can apply to abandon or surrender, in whole or in part, any service" subject to the approval of the Commission. 66 Pa. C.S. §1102(a)(2). The key difference between the two applications, which anyone reading the two items may not ascertain, is that Cypress Communications understands that, in order to receive the Commission's approval for abandonment of its Certificate of Public Convenience, the Company must actually abandon the service that had been previously approved. Cypress Communications properly followed the statutory directives and appropriately applied to abandon its Certificate of Public Convenience since it has ceased its telecommunications operations in Pennsylvania.

**DATE: April 23, 2015**

  
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**PAMELA A. WITMER,  
COMMISSIONER**