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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities 44 So. Clinton Avenue, 9th Floor Post Office Box 350 Trenton, NJ 08625-350 www.nj.gov/bpu/

		TELECOMMUNICATIONS
N THE MATTER OF BLC MANAGEMENT, LLC)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
D/B/A ANGLES COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS)	
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS)	
REQUIRING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL)	
ASSESSMENTS AND FILING OF ANNUAL REPORTS)	DOCKET NO. TO12020148

Parties of Record:

Stefanie Brand, Ratepayer Advocate, Division of Rate Counsel, Newark NJ Thomas Biddix, BLC Management, LLC, d/b/a Angles Communications Solutions, Melbourne, Florida

BY THE BOARD:

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), an agency within a principal department of the Executive Branch of State Government, with principal offices at 44 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, by way of Order to Show Cause, alleges:

- 1) The Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-13 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-1 et seq., has been granted general supervision and regulation of and jurisdiction and control over all public utilities, including individuals, co-partnerships, associations and corporations, that own, manage or control telecommunications facilities that operate in New Jersey as well as their property, property rights, equipment, facilities and franchises.
- 2) The Board, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-1 <u>et seq.</u>, is vested with the authority to regulate all aspects of public utilities in the State of New Jersey, and to adopt rules and regulations concerning such activities, and, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-19, to investigate any matter involving a public utility.
- 3) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-16 (2)(b) and N.J.A.C. 14:3-6.3, a utility shall file an annual report as of December 31 of each year, due on or before March 31 of the following year.
- 4) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-16.3, failure of a utility to file an annual report by the due date shall be subject to a penalty of \$5.00 for each day thereafter until such report is filed.

- 5) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-62, a utility shall file a statement of gross intrastate revenue from operations ("SGIR") form (AR3-1) as of December 31 of each year, which is due on or before June 1 of the following year.
- 6) On August 14, 2008, Respondent, BLC Management, LLC, d/b/a Angles Communications Solutions ("Respondent" or "BLC"), filed a petition with the Board and was later granted Authority to provide telecommunications services throughout New Jersey by Order dated October 6, 2008 in In the Matter of the Petition of BLC Management LLC d/b/a Angles Communication Solutions for Approval To Provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Throughout the State of New Jersey, Docket No. TE08080566 ("2008 Order"). The 2008 Order required BLC, among other things, to comply with N.J.S.A. 48:2-16, N.J.S.A. 48:2-62, and N.J.A.C. 14:3-6.3. Id. at 3-4.
- 7) Respondent is a public utility in the State of New Jersey and a provider of telecommunications services subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with an address of record at 6905 N. Wickham Road, Suite 403, Melbourne, Florida.
- 8) Staff from the Division of Audits made several attempts by e-mail and by phone to the Telecom Group who was listed by the company as the responsible party to file the Annual report and to pay the assessment. Most notably, in addition to sending the company a regular billing invoice, Staff called and e-mailed respondent's contacts on August 10, 2011 and followed up with a phone call and e-mail on August 17, 2011. After failure of the respondent to pay its assessment of \$500.00, a second request by e-mail was sent to respondent's authorized contact on September 9, 2011.
- 9) On December 12, 2011, Staff of the Board's Division of Telecommunications notified BLC that it had failed to timely file its annual report under N.J.S.A. 48:2-16(2)(b) for the calendar year ending December 31, 2010, which was due on or before March 31, 2011.
- 10) Additionally, BLC failed to comply with N.J.S.A. 48:2-62, whereby it was required to file an SGIR form (AR3-1) as of December 31, 2010, which was due on or before June 1, 2011. Moreover, under N.J.S.A. 48:2-59 and 48:2-60, BLC is obligated to pay an annual assessment to the Board for fiscal year 2011 based on Gross Intrastate revenues for 2009. Since BLC reported zero revenues, according to the statutes, the minimum assessment amount of \$500.00 applies. Respondent was billed this amount on March 10, 2011 and failed to pay the required assessment.
- 11) Respondent. having filed its annual report 53 days late is in violation of the statutes referenced above and therefore is required to pay \$ 265.00 for penalties for noncompliance and \$ 500.00 for assessment fees.

The Board **HEREBY ORDERS**:

- 1) BLC to show cause before the Board why the Board should not find that BLC (i) failed to file its annual report in a timely manner; (ii) failed to submit the requisite assessment to the Board; and (iii) failed to comply with the 2008 Order.
- 2) BLC to file an Answer to this Order to Show Cause and any and all documents or other written evidence upon which it relies in responding to the within Order to Show Cause by April 12, 2012.

If BLC fails to respond to the within Order to Show Cause by April 12, 2012, then the authority granted to BLC to provide telecommunications services throughout New Jersey in BPU Docket No. TE08080566 shall be revoked by the Board.

The Board **HEREBY DIRECTS** that a certified copy of this Order be served upon Respondent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-40.

DATED: 3/12/2012

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

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