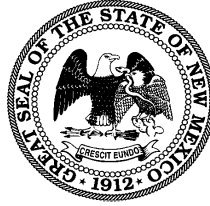


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NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION SENDS LETTER TO SKYWI CEO ALAN WITTERS

SANTA FE, N.M. – New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("NMPRC" or "Commission") Chairman Sandy Jones (Dist. 5) and Commissioner Jerome D. Block (Dist. 3) sent the following Commission letter today (February 18, 2009) to SkyWi Chief Executive Officer, Alan Witters:

Dear Mr. Witters:

We are writing this letter to make a personal plea for you to do the right thing for the SkyWi, OneConnect and Zianet customers.

Since the interruption of service by Qwest at the end of last year, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission has taken the necessary steps to protect your customers by prohibiting not only Qwest but all providers from disconnecting your service. This was done despite overwhelming reports that you have failed to make any payments to anyone, most since the middle of 2008. The PRC has repeatedly requested your appearance at our meetings and has afforded you every opportunity to present your case to us so that we could help.

Your customers, including many banks, local governments, medical institutions, schools, police and fire stations, small businesses and individuals have endured significant losses and inconveniences and the public health and safety has been jeopardized; all over a dispute between you and Qwest. Small businesses have reported to us that they lost tens of thousands of dollars during the disconnection period and police departments reported that the safety of their officers has been compromised due to their inability to access the NCIC system which is how they identify if the person they have stopped is a violent felon.

What is most astounding to us is that you continue to charge and collect for services you know will be interrupted. You have successfully manipulated the system and everyone involved and have blamed everyone except yourself for this mess which you have created. On three occasions you filed for relief from the courts, only to withdraw at the last moment, satisfied that this Commission was providing cover for you.

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Mr. Witters, we are at the end of the line. On the 26th of February, 2009, Qwest will disconnect your service. You have not provided this Commission with any evidence to convince us to extend that deadline. The Commission ordered you to release your records with customer's names and configurations and to appear at a workshop we held to provide assurances that your customers would not suffer again. Once again you have refused. We understand that you are in the process of transferring your customers to other providers. If you furnished us the list of your customers and which of them have been transferred, we could assist the remaining customers. However, you have not been willing to provide us with any information or cooperation.

With that said, we extend one final opportunity for you to provide the necessary documentation to protect your customers - our New Mexico constituents. Tuesday, February 24th will be the last regular meeting before the disconnection takes place. We welcome you to attend. Additionally, we remain open to requesting an emergency meeting prior to that date to resolve this crisis.

Mr. Witters, we once again urge you to do the right thing and appear before this Commission and stop this unnecessary outage for thousands of New Mexicans.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
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Jerome Block
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