

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:	
RELIANCE TELEPHONE OF GRAND FORKS, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-2019-0026
PRODIGY SOLUTIONS	DOCKET NO. TF-2019-0032
SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-2019-0033
LEGACY LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-2019-0035
GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. TF-2019-0039
PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-2019-0040

ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

(Issued June 11, 2019)

Between April 17, 2019, and April 22, 2019, attorney Peter J. Wagner filed an appearance and objection on behalf of Prison Policy Initiative (PPI) in the six above-captioned tariff filing dockets. On May 23, 2019, pursuant to 199 IAC 7.4(8)(b), Mr. Wagner filed a single "Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice" to appear as counsel on behalf of PPI in the six related matters. Mr. Wagner is an employee of PPI, works on behalf of PPI in the organization's Easthampton, Massachusetts, office and is a member in good standing of the bar of Massachusetts.

In support of his request to appear pro hac vice, Mr. Wagner indicates he is admitted to practice law in the courts in the state of Massachusetts. Mr. Wagner

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further indicates he has never been denied admission pro hac vice, had admission pro hac vice revoked, and has never been formally disciplined or sanctioned by any court in Iowa.

Mr. Wagner acknowledges being familiar with the rules and standards of professional conduct, the disciplinary procedures for the state of Iowa, and the applicable local rules and procedures. Mr. Wagner states in his application he has not applied to appear pro hac vice in the state of Iowa within the preceding two years. Mr. Wagner identifies Ms. Sheila Tipton as a member in good standing with the Iowa bar who will sponsor his request. Mr. Wagner indicates he complied with Iowa Rule of Court 31.14(11) by registering with the Iowa Office of Professional Regulation and paying the required fee. Finally, Ms. Tipton is an in-state attorney upon whom service may be made in all matters connected with this proceeding.

Mr. Wagner's request complies with 199 IAC 7.4(8). In reviewing the Iowa Court Rules pertaining to admission pro hac vice, the Board notes that Court Rule 31.14(5)(p) requires that "if the out-of-state lawyer has appeared pro hac vice in this state in five proceedings within the preceding two years, the application must contain a statement showing good cause why the out-of-state attorney should be admitted in the present proceeding." Mr. Wagner's application accurately states he has not appeared pro hac vice in any other proceedings in the previous two years; however his current application requests admission in six individually docketed, though related, matters. Using the discretion provided in Court Rule 31.14(7) and based on the particular facts of this matter, the Board concludes the applicant has shown good cause to be admitted in the six above-captioned matters, and will permit Mr. Wagner

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to consider all six docketed matters as a single proceeding. PPI filed individual objections and intervention motions in each of the six above-captioned proceedings because they were individually docketed for further review; PPI's objection is substantively similar in each proceeding. All six proceedings arise from the same rule making docket, RMU-2017-0004, and Mr. Wagner applied for admission pro hac vice in these dockets in a singular application following intervention requests granted on the basis of identical interests and expertise regarding the six above-captioned tariff filings. The Board will grant Mr. Wagner's request for admission pro hac vice and consider this a single matter for purposes of Iowa Court Rule 31.14.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for permission to appear pro hac vice filed by Peter Wagner on May 23, 2019, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Kelsie Vanderflute

/s/ Richard W. Lozier Jr.

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of June, 2019.