

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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DATE: MAY 31, 2013

**SUBJECT: SILVER STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PETITION TO AMEND ITS
CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY, CASE NO. SIL-T-13-01**

On February 11, 2013, Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. petitioned the Commission for an Order amending the service area boundary described in the Company's Certificate No. 207. *See* Petition for Amendment of Certificated Service Area Boundary ("Petition"). On May 13, 2013, the Company filed revised service area boundary illustrations and descriptions. The Company asks the Commission to process the case under Modified Procedure.

THE PETITION

The Company is a Title 61 regulated telephone corporation organized under Wyoming law, with its principal place of business in Freedom, Wyoming. It is authorized to do business in Idaho. Petition at 1. The Company provides basic local exchange telecommunications services, mobile telephone services, transport services to interexchange carriers, special access services, broadband, and other telecommunications services that customers may require. *Id.*

The Commission issued Certificate No. 207 to the Company in 1953. *See* Order No. 2312. The Certificate was amended three times after that. Petition at 2. The Company now requests another amendment to the Certificate to correct the certificated exchange areas so they accurately reflect the Company's actual service areas. The Company says it has served the areas within the corrected boundaries since at least 1963, and that it remains willing to serve, and is best able to serve, the customers within the corrected boundaries. *Id.*

The Company says the requested Certificate amendment will not affect any other certificated telephone carrier's service area boundary, and that the corrected boundaries are not near and will not interfere with any other's utility's existing lines, plants, or systems. *Id.*

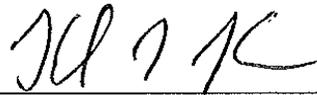
The Company's Petition and subsequent May 13, 2013, filing attached copies of the Company's Certificate as amended to date, illustrations depicting the Company's actual service area, and a legal description for each amended certificate service area exchange being requested. The Company asks the Commission to grant an amendment to the Certificate that incorporates the boundary correction adjustments. *See* Petition at 3; May 13, 2013 filing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission process the Company's Petition under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process the Company's Petition under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period?



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