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December 10, 2014

Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Jean Jewell
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P O Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Use of Deposit Refunds to Assist Low-Income Customers
Your File No: ATC Unclaimed Funds ALB-T-14-02

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and three copies of Albion Telephone Company's Application in the above referenced matter. This application replaces the letter to you dated October 9, 2014.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at (208) 577-5747 or by e-mail at cam@camlawidaho.com.

Sincerely,



Cynthia A. Melillo

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ALBION TELEPHONE COMPANY, FOR
CERTIFICATION TO DONATE
UNCLAIMED FUNDS TO FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Case No. ALB-T-14-02

**ALBION TELEPHONE COMPANY'S
APPLICATION**

Albion Telephone Company ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Cynthia A. Melillo PLLC, files this Application for an Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") order certifying that Applicant may donate unclaimed deposits and refunds for overpayments held in the possession of the Applicant to a financial assistance program to assist Applicant's low income and disadvantaged customers with the payment of their bills. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a provider of basic local exchange service, and other telecommunications services in southern Idaho.

2. Applicant routinely collects deposits for services and issues deposit refunds to its customers. In addition, when a customer terminates service prior to the end of the service term, Applicant issues refunds for any overpayment past the date of termination. At times, Applicant is unable to locate the customer, and thus some of the deposits and overpayments may be deemed abandoned or unclaimed. At the current time, Applicant has approximately \$2,000 in unclaimed deposits and overpayments which Applicant has held for more than five (5) years,

which deposits and refunds are therefore presumed abandoned.

3. Pursuant to the Idaho Administrative Code, Applicant is permitted to apply to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for permission to deposit such abandoned sums into a financial assistance program to assist Applicant's low income and disadvantaged customers with the payment of their bills. (IDAPA 31.41.01.108.02)

4. Because the amount of such unclaimed funds does not warrant establishing its own financial assistance program, Applicant desires to donate the unclaimed funds to the South Central Community Action Partnership, located at 550 Washington Street South, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

5. South Central Community Action Partnership will be directed by Applicant to use the donated funds to assist Applicant's wireline Lifeline customers with the non-recurring payment of the initial connection fees. South Central Community Action Partnership shall determine need in its reasonable discretion and shall report to Applicant within ten days of the end of each calendar quarter how such funds were used until all such funds have been used. Such reports shall include name of recipient and amount of assistance provided, and the remaining balance of the funds available. Applicant shall continue to donate any unclaimed funds to the South Central Community Action Partnership on an annual basis at the end of each calendar year to the extent any unclaimed funds are deemed abandoned pursuant to Idaho Code.

6. Applicant agrees to remain obligated to comply with the reporting requirements for abandoned property set forth in Idaho Code § 14-517. Because the individual refunds are less than \$50, under the Idaho Code, they are not considered "abandoned" for purposes of the Unclaimed Property Law. Thus, no report to the State of Idaho is required at this time. However, ATC will retain the records of ownership as to those funds as required by Idaho Code.

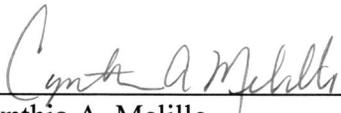
7. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to the following:

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8. Applicant does not believe that the public interest requires a hearing on this matter and, therefore, requests that the Commission approve the Application by Minute Order or under Modified Procedure. In the event the Commission determines that further proceedings are necessary, Applicant stands ready for immediate hearings.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Commission issue its order certifying that the abandoned funds held by Applicant may be donated to the South Central Community Action Partnership to be used as set forth in this Application as authorized by IDAPA 31.41.01.108.02.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10th day of December 2014.



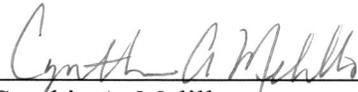
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Attorneys for Albion Telephone Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of December 2014, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

Jean Jewell, Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

- U.S. Mail
- Hand Delivered
- Overnight Mail
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