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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF ALBION TELEPHONE )  
COMPANY'S PETITION FOR ORDER ) CASE NO. ALB-T-15-02  
APPROVING ITS: (1) ACQUISITION OF A )  
AFFILIATED LONG-DISTANCE COMPANY'S )  
ASSETS; (2) USE OF THOSE ASSETS TO ) COMMENTS OF THE  
PROVIDE LONG-DISTANCE SERVICES; AND ) COMMISSION STAFF  
(3) ASSOCIATED PRICE LIST. )**

The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission comments as follows on Albion Telephone Company's Petition.

**BACKGROUND**

On June 9, 2015, Albion Telephone Company (the "Company") petitioned the Commission for an Order approving its: (1) acquisition of certain assets of ATC Long Distance, Inc. (a now dissolved, affiliated Title 62 company); (2) use of those assets to provide non-regulated long-distance service; and (3) adoption of the price list that ATC Long Distance, Inc. previously filed with the Commission.

The Company is a Commission-regulated Title 61 telephone corporation. The Company's Petition explains that in February 2014, ATC Long Distance, Inc.'s shareholders voted to dissolve ATC Long Distance and transfer its assets to Albion Telephone Company so the Company could provide the long-distance services that its affiliate ATC Long Distance had been providing. ATC Long Distance filed Articles of Dissolution with the Idaho Secretary of State on April 8, 2014.

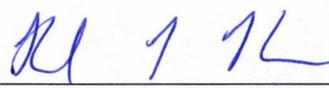
The Petition explains that the Company has been providing long-distance services in accordance with the price list that ATC Long Distance previously filed with the Commission. As part of its Petition, the Company has submitted the same price list in the Company's name. The Company asks the Commission to approve this price list with a March 7, 2014 effective date (which is the date on which ATC Long Distance's President signed the Articles of Dissolution).

The Petition states that the Company's acquisition of ATC Long Distance, Inc.'s assets and provision of non-regulated long-distance services will have little, if any, impact on the Company's current customers. The Company will continue to provide these customers with the same regulated services at the same prices. The Company will also continue to offer long-distance services to ATC Long Distance, Inc.'s former customers at the same prices. There is, therefore, no interruption in service or change in billing practices. The Company states that it separately manages and accounts for its revenues and expenses from non-regulated long-distance services and its revenues and expenses from regulated services.

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has reviewed the Petition along with the Affidavit of Richard L. Redman certifying "that all revenues and expenses for the non-regulated long distance services are kept and managed separate and apart from the revenues and expenses of the regulated services provided by the Company under the following general ledger accounts: Revenue 7990.63—7990.68; Expenses: 7991.60—7991.62." Staff recommends the Company be required to continue maintaining separate non-regulated accounts. Staff, therefore, recommends Commission approval for: (1) acquisition of certain assets of ATC Long Distance, Inc. (a now dissolved, affiliated Title 62 company); (2) use of those assets to provide non-regulated long-distance service; and (3) adoption of the price list that ATC Long Distance, Inc. previously filed with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015.

  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2015, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**, IN CASE NO. ALB-T-15-02, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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