

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KEMPTON
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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FROM: CAROLEE HALL

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2010

RE: ALEC, INC. ("ALEC") REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF THE
ONE YEAR MANDATE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICE IN IDAHO; CASE NO. ALE-T-09-01.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On October 29, 2010, ALEC notified the Commission that the Company has not yet begun offering local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho and requested that the Commission permit ALEC to retain its certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) while it continues its efforts to begin offering services in Idaho.

On November 9, 2009, the Commission approved ALEC's application for a CPCN by Order No. 30944. See Case No. ALE-T-09-01, Certificate No. 489. The approval and issuance of the certificate were predicated upon the Company meeting certain requirements of the Commission. One of the requirements was that ALEC would begin providing basic local exchange service within one year of receipt of its Certificate.

In its letter for an extension, the Company indicates that it is currently in discussions with a large customer with existing business in Idaho and which purchases service from ALEC in other states. ALEC anticipates that the agreement will be completed by the end of 2010 and at that time, ALEC "will proceed with the necessary remaining steps to launch service in the state."

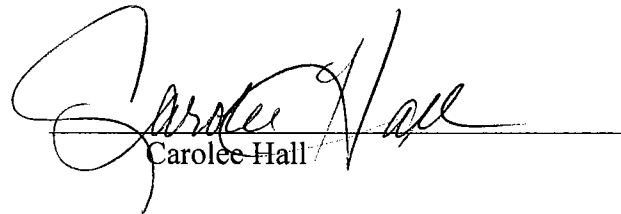
Staff has had discussions with the Company's attorney and believes a six month extension is warranted at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that a 6 month extension be granted to ALEC, Inc.

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Does the Commission agree?



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