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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
UCN, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC) **CASE NO. BUY-T-05-1**
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)
PROVIDE RESOLD AND FACILITIES-BASED)
LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICA-) **COMMENTS OF THE**
TIONS SERVICES.) **COMMISSION STAFF**
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COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Kira Dale Pfisterer, Deputy Attorney General, in response to Order No. 29729, the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure in Case No. BUY-T-05-1 issued on March 14, 2005, and submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On February 16, 2005, UCN, Inc. ("UCN" or the "Company") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange services in Idaho exchanges currently served by Qwest or Verizon. Currently, UCN is authorized to provide switched and dedicated resold interexchange telecommunications (long-distance) services in Idaho. By this Application, UCN seeks additional authority to offer existing and prospective

customers resold and/or facilities-based (leased) competitive local exchange telecommunications services.

STAFF ANALYSIS

UNC's Application proposes to offer business-class local exchange service connectivity and transmission, including 2-wire, 4-wire, DS-0, DS-1, DS-3 and OCn¹ local loops necessary to connect customers to UCN's nearest point of presence.


UNC was incorporated on March 15, 1999 as a Delaware corporation and is authorized to transact business in the State of Idaho as a foreign corporation. The Company is headquartered in Bluffdale, Utah. In June 2004, Buyers United, Inc, changed its name to UNC, Inc., dba buyersonline, dba Untied Carrier Networks to UNC, Inc.

The Company provided financial sheets for quarters ending September 30, 2003 and 2004 and the appropriate contact information for its registered agent for service of process within Idaho.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Application submitted by UNC, and believes the Company understands and agrees to comply with the Commission rules and requirements. Based on this review, the Company's filing fulfils the requirements of the Commission Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. The Staff believes that the Company possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate as a provider of telecommunications services. Therefore, the Staff recommends approval of the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of April 2005.



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¹ "OC" means optical carrier in fiber optic SONET network with the "n" designating the rate of transmission, e.g., oc-3 equals three DS-3s or a transmission rate of 155.52 million bits per second.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL 2005, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**, IN CASE NO. BUY-T-05-01, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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