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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Columbine)
Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a Teton Telecom) Case No. COL-T-03-1
for Authority to Borrow from the Rural) COLUMBINE TELEPHONE
Telephone Finance Cooperative ("RTFC") in) COMPANY'S PETITION FOR
an Amount Not to Exceed \$8,500,000) RECONSIDERATION OR
) CLARIFICATION
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Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. ("Columbine"), by and through its attorneys of record, hereby files its Petition for Reconsideration or Clarification of Commission Order No. 29256 in the above-entitled case. In support whereof, Columbine states as follows:

1. Commission Order No. 29256 denied Columbine's application to borrow an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 from the Rural Telephone Finance Cooperative on the grounds that "it is not in the public interest to utilize utility assets or revenues as collateral to satisfy what is essentially a loan for a private purpose." Order No. 29256 at 4.
2. Following the issuance of Order No. 29256, Columbine has renegotiated the terms of the proposed loan with RTFC. As a result of these negotiations Columbine will not be required to provide a mortgage or other security interest on its assets to support the

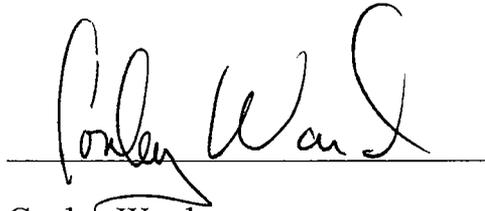
new loan. Instead, RTFC has agreed to accept a security interest in Columbine's stock as collateral for the proposed loan. 87% of Columbine's stock is owned by Teton Communications, Inc., which is in turn owned by Hoopes Telephone Management LP. The other 13% of Columbine's stock is held by Silver Star Telephone Company.

3. Section 61-901, Idaho Code, states that a utility's right "to issue mortgages, deeds of trust or other instruments with respect to its property situated within the state of Idaho" is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and regulatory authority. It would appear, therefore, that the renegotiated loan does not require Commission approval because it is not secured by utility assets.
4. In the alternative, if the Commission nevertheless finds that it has jurisdiction over the proposed RTFC loan, Columbine requests that the Commission reconsider and revoke its finding that the loan is "not in the public interest." Because the renegotiated loan will be secured solely by Columbine's equity ownership, it does not place the utility's assets at risk and it has no potential adverse impacts on ratepayers.

WHEREFORE, Columbine respectfully requests that the Commission reconsider Order No. 29256 and issue a new order finding that:

1. Commission approval of the renegotiated RTFC loan described herein is not required or, in the alternative,
2. The renegotiated loan is not adverse to the public interest and is therefore approved.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of June 2003.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 17th day of June 2003 I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served upon:

Ms. Jean Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 W. Washington Street
Boise, ID 83702

by hand delivering the same to the above-named at the last known address(s) as set forth above.



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