

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBINE ) CASE NO. COL-T-13-01**  
**TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.'S )**  
**PETITION TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATED ) NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY )**  
**) NOTICE OF**  
**) MODIFIED PROCEDURE**  
**)**  
**) ORDER NO. 32824**

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On February 8, 2013, Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. petitioned the Commission for an Order amending the service area boundary described in the Company's Certificate No. 329. *See* Petition for Amendment of Certificated Service Area Boundary ("Petition"). The Company asks the Commission to process the case under Modified Procedure.

With this Order, the Commission summarizes the Petition, solicits public input on it, and orders that the case be processed under the Commission's Rules of Modified Procedure.

**NOTICE OF PETITION**

The Company is a Title 61 regulated telephone corporation organized under Wyoming law, with its principal place of business in Freedom, Wyoming. It is authorized to do business in Idaho, and it maintains central offices in Driggs, Victor, and Teton Idaho. Petition at 1. The Company provides basic local exchange telecommunications services, mobile telephone services, transport services to interexchange carriers, special access services, broadband, and other telecommunications services that customers may require. *Id.*

The Commission issued Certificate No. 329 to the Company in 1997 as a result of the Commission-approved purchase and transfer of Qwest exchanges. *See* Order Nos. 26353 and 27166. *Id.* at 2. The Company requests an amendment to the Certificate to correct the certificated exchange areas so they accurately reflect the Company's actual service areas. The Company says it has served the areas within the corrected boundaries since 1997, and that it remains willing to serve, and is best able to serve, the customers within the corrected boundaries. *Id.*

The Company says the requested Certificate amendment will not affect any other certificated telephone carrier's service area boundary, and that the corrected boundaries are not near and will not interfere with any other utility's existing lines, plants, or systems. *Id.*

The Company's Petition attaches copies of the Company's Certificate (Exhibit A), illustrations depicting the Company's actual service area (Exhibit B), and a legal description for each amended certificate service area exchange being requested (Exhibits C, D, and E). The Company asks that the Commission grant an amendment to the Certificate that incorporates the boundary correction adjustments reflected in Petition Exhibits C, D, and E. *See* Petition at 3-4.

**NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on the Petition may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission **within twenty-one (21) days from the service date of this Notice**. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning the Petition shall be mailed to the Commission and the Petitioner at the addresses reflected below:

Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Street Address for Express Mail:

472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, ID 83702-5918

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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click the "Case Comment or Question

Form” under the “Consumers” tab, and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document. These comments must also be sent to the Company at the e-mail address listed above.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Petition has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission offices. The Petition is also available on the Commission’s web site at [www.puc.idaho.gov](http://www.puc.idaho.gov). Click on the “File Room” tab at the top of the page, scroll down to “Open Telephone Cases,” and then click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Title 62 of the Idaho Code. The Commission may enter any final Order consistent with its authority under Title 62 and Commission Rule of Procedure 114, IDAPA 31.01.01.114.

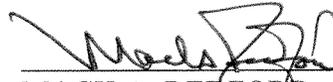
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition be processed under Modified Procedure. Persons interested in submitting written comments regarding this case or protesting the use of Modified Procedure should do so no later than 21 days from the service date of this Order.

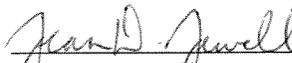
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 2013.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MACK A. REDEORD, COMMISSIONER

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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