

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBINE )**  
**TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.'S ) CASE NO. COL-T-13-01**  
**PETITION TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATED )**  
**SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY ) ORDER NO. 32854**  
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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 asked the Commission to process the case under Modified Procedure.

On June 12, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Petition and Notice of Modified Procedure that solicited public input on the Petition and set a July 3, 2013 comment deadline. *See* Order No. 32824. Commission Staff filed the only comments in the case and supported the Company's Application.

Having reviewed the record, we enter this Order granting the Company's Petition.

**THE PETITION**

According to the 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 Tetonia 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. During an internal review and audit, the Company discovered that the description of the exchange boundaries in Certificate No. 329 conflicts with the actual exchange areas served by the Company. The Company thus 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.

### **THE COMMENTS**

Staff reviewed the Company's Petition and verified that the Company's proposed, corrected boundaries do not overlap the service areas of any Title 61 or certified telephone carrier. Staff said the Company's proposed, corrected service area boundaries include unserved territory, and Staff believes it is in the public interest to allow the Company to continue to serve the current and future customers in the service area. Staff thus recommended that the Commission grant the Petition.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

Based on our review of the record, including the Company's Petition and Staff's comments, we find it is in the public interest to correct the service area boundaries set forth in Certificate No. 329 to accurately reflect the Company's actual service areas. Accordingly, we find it fair, just, and reasonable to grant the Company's Petition.

### **ORDER**


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Petition is granted. The Company's CPCN shall be amended to correct the certificated boundary areas as described in the Petition.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in the Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

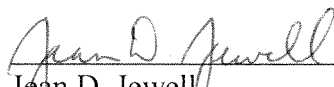
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 2013.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

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