

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY'S PETITION TO AMEND ITS
CERTIFICATED SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY, CASE NO. COL-T-13-01

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.

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. 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's 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.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission process the Company's Petition under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process the Company's Petition under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period?



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