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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
CORDIA COMMUNICATIONS CORP. FOR A)	CASE NO. CRD-T-06-1
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE)	COMMENTS OF THE
OF IDAHO)	COMMISSION STAFF
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The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Cecelia A. Gassner, Deputy Attorney General, in response to the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure in Order No. 30031 issued on May 9, 2006, submits the following comments.

BACKGROUND

On March 23, 2006, Cordia Communications Corp. ("Cordia") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the Commission. In the Application, Cordia proposes to provide local and interexchange services in the geographic area currently served by Qwest Corporation.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the information provided by Cordia in its Application and believes it satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rule of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111, and Procedural Order No. 26665 issued November 7, 1996, which sets out the necessary information to be included with an application for a certificate. Cordia's application includes all of the required information.

The Application stated Cordia will offer telecommunications services in Idaho through resale of the services of Qwest. The Company entered into an interconnection agreement with Qwest on or about January 3, 2006, which was approved by this Commission on March 7, 2006. Cordia has been in operation in other states since 2001, initially providing UNE-P service, but converting to resale as UNE-P became unavailable. Cordia has also developed a VoIP platform. Staff finds the Company has sufficient technical expertise to provide the services identified in the Application.


The Application included copies of the Form 10-QSB for 2005 and Form 10-KSB for 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Corporation for Cordia Corporation the parent corporation of Cordia Communications. Staff is satisfied that the Company has the technical, managerial and financial strength to provide the services identified in the Application.

Cordia specifically stated in its Application it will comply with all Commission rules. It has provided an illustrative tariff with its Application that demonstrates an understanding of tariff requirements and processes. The Company will not require advance deposits by its customers and therefore did not submit an executed copy of an escrow account.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive local exchange service in Idaho be granted to Cordia.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of May 2006.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 30TH DAY OF MAY 2006,
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