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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CUSTER TELEPHONE BROADBAND) **CASE NO. CTB-T-14-01**
SERVICES LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN)
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
CARRIER FOR LOW-INCOME SUPPORT.) **COMMENTS OF THE**
) **COMMISSION STAFF**
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The Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission comments as follows on Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC’s Application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”).

BACKGROUND

On January 6, 2014, Custer Telephone Broadband Services LLC (“CTBS” or “Company”) filed an Application seeking ETC designation under 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) (1)-(2), 47 C.F.R. § 54.201 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), and the rules and regulations of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) as outlined in Order No. 29841. CTBS seeks ETC designation so it can receive federal Universal Service Fund low-income support in the Salmon, Idaho exchange (“Designated Service Area”). Application at 1.