BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A	Ó	CASE NO. CZ6-T-06-1
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)	
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL)	
EXCHANGE SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE)	ORDER NO. 29980
OF IDAHO)	

On January 25, 2006, Contact Communications, Inc. ("Contact" or "Company") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide advanced data services to Internet service providers (ISPs) and other retailers on a wholesale basis, operating as both a reseller and facilities-based provider throughout Idaho. Contact will also provide Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services on a retail basis to business and residential consumers. On February 1, 2006, the Commission filed a Notice of Application and Modified Procedure requesting comments on the Application from any interested persons. No comments were received other than those filed by Staff.

THE APPLICATION

In the Application, Contact proposes to provide advanced data services to Internet service providers (ISPs) and other retailers on a wholesale basis, operating as both a reseller and facilities-based provider throughout Idaho. Contact will also provide Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services on a retail basis to business and residential consumers. The Company wishes to provide service as soon as interconnection facilities can be constructed with Qwest.

Contact is a Wyoming company with corporate headquarters in Riverton, Wyoming. The Company has a Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Idaho Secretary of State on June 1, 2005. The Company has provided financial sheets for a nine-month period ending on September 30, 2005 and the appropriate contact information for its registered agent for service of process within Idaho.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff has reviewed the Application submitted by Contact, and believes the Company understands and agrees to comply with the Commission rules and requirements. Based on this review, the Company's filing fulfills the requirements of the Commission Rules and Procedural

Order No. 26665. Staff believes that the Company possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate as a provider of telecommunications services. Staff, therefore, recommended approval of the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based upon our review of the filing and the record in this case, the Commission finds that Contact's filing satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. Thus, we approve Contact's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to allow the Company to provide telecommunications services throughout Qwest's service territory within the State of Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Contact Communications, Inc. is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive telecommunications services within the state of Idaho.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this 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 day of March 2006.

PAUL KJELLAWDER, PRESIDENT

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