

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: CASE NO. CZ6-T-06-1, APPLICATION OF CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL SERVICE IN IDAHO

On January 25, 2006, Contact Communications, Inc. ("Contact") filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with the Commission. 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 facility-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 RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Contact's Application be processed by Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period. This should allow sufficient time for interested parties to review the Company's Application and file their comments with the Commission. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission preliminarily find that the public interest may not require a hearing to consider the issues presented in this case, and that this case is appropriate for Modified Procedure pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure 201 through 204?

Does the Commission approve of a comment period of 21 days?



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