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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington Street
PO Box 83720
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Subject: Edge Wireless Application for Universal Service Funds

Dear Commission:

It has come to our attention that Edge Wireless has applied for an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation and with that requesting Universal Service Funds to improve service in rural Idaho. The southern region operations of Idaho Power Company depend on Edge Wireless's communication to service our energy customers. Currently, we have found areas with minimal to no cell phone coverage. We understand that the requested funds will be utilized to construct new towers in areas of not only minimal wireless service but some with minimal landline service (i.e. Castleford/Clover and Dietrich/Richfield areas). Having available communications in times of emergency is essential in restoring power. We would like to encourage your approval of Edge Wireless's application.

Sincerely,

Kevin Whittier
Southern Region Operations Manager

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cc: Edge Wireless