

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: CECELIA A. GASSNER

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2007

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF EDGE WIRELESS, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER, CASE NO. EDG-T-07-01

On January 22, 2007, Edge Wireless, LLC ("Edge" or "Company") filed an Application for designation as an eligible telecommunication carrier (ETC) for service areas in Idaho that are currently serviced by other carriers. *See Idaho Code* § 61-610A and Order No. 29841. *Also see* 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2). The Application requests that it be designated as eligible to receive all available support from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") and that it be approved to participate in the Lifeline program.

THE APPLICATION

According to the Application, Edge is a commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") carrier providing "mobile service" as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(27). Through its cellular authorizations, it provides service to the following counties in Idaho: Bannock, Bear Lake, Blaine, Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Camas, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Custer, Franklin, Fremont, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Oneida, Power, Teton, and Twin Falls. Edge also operates in northern California, southeastern Oregon, and northwestern Wyoming.

The Application contains certain information related to the Company's local usage plans, customer service and ability to provide service, particularly in emergencies. The Company provides several pricing options for its customers, and also intends to invest funds in upgrading its infrastructure.

MOTION FOR LIMITED ADMISSION

Pursuant to Rule 43, out-of-state counsel for Edge has filed Motions for Limited Admission with the Commission for the purpose of appearing in this matter. The person filing is:

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The Motion avers that a copy of it and the requisite fee have been submitted to the Idaho State Bar. IDAPA 31.01.01.43.05(c), Bar Rule 222(j).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Company's Application be processed by Modified Procedure with a 30-day comment period. This should allow sufficient time for the Staff to receive further information from the Company and for interested parties to review the Company's Application and responses and file their comments with the Commission. Reference Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204. Staff further recommends that the Motion for Limited Admission be granted.

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 30-day comment period?

Does the Commission approve the Motion for Limited Admission?



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