

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF HIGH TECH TELEPHONES, INC.) CASE NO. GNR-T-03-1
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY) ORDER NO. 29311

On January 8, 2003, High Tech Telephones, Inc. (High Tech) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide resold local exchange services in Idaho. High Tech is incorporated in the State of Idaho.

The Commission issued a Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure on July 8, 2003. Order No. 29283. The Commission Staff filed written comments in response to this Notice. Based on the comments, the law, and the record, the Commission grants the Company's Application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the Application submitted by High Tech and believes that it provides sufficient grounds upon which the Commission could grant the Company a CPCN. Staff also believes the Company understands and will comply with the Commission's Rules and requirements. In addition, Staff has reviewed the Company's financials and believes that although the Company has a relatively small budget, it has demonstrated positive net income in 2002. Finally, Staff noted that the Company would establish an escrow account with a local bank in the event that customer deposits are required.

Based on Staff's review of High Tech's Application, Staff believes the Company's filing satisfies all the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. Staff also believes that the public interest would be served by the issuance of this Certificate, first, by maintaining and enhancing competition in the local exchange marketplace in Idaho, and second, by increasing customer choice. Accordingly, Staff recommends approval of the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the comments, the law, and the record, the Commission grants High Tech Telephones' Application. The Commission further finds that a CPCN shall be issued to High Tech Telephones, Inc. The Commission further finds that should High Tech require advanced

deposits from its customers the Company shall establish an escrow account in the amount of \$1,000 and provide evidence of its existence to the Commission.

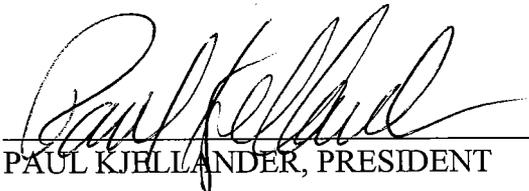
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that High Tech Telephones, Inc.'s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted. Accordingly, the Commission shall issue the Company's Certificate.

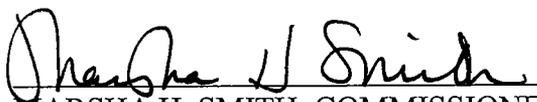
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should High Tech require its customers to file advanced deposits it shall establish an escrow account in the amount of \$1,000 and provide evidence of its existence to the Commission.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) or in interlocutory Orders previously issued in this Case No. GNR-T-03-1 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 or interlocutory Orders previously issued in this case. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code §§ 61-626 and 62-619.*

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 6th day of August 2003.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

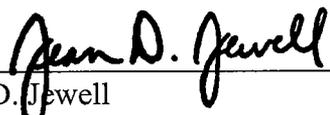


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