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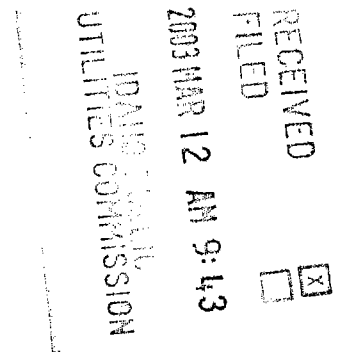
Ms. Birdelle Brown, Telecom. Analyst  
State of Idaho  
Public Utilities Commission  
472 W. Washington Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

RE: Alticomm, Inc. (GNR-T-03-6)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Set forth below are Alticomm, Inc.'s responses to your request for information dated March 4, 2003. The line of credit submitted herewith is considered confidential, and is not intended for public display. Please use all efforts to insure that only necessary Staff members are allowed access to this documentation.

- 1.) The Company's financial statements include references to ServiSense and Cellular LD Phones simply as an in-house accounting method used to track the revenue generated by these asset acquisitions. These acquisitions were of assets only, and not of the entire companies, therefore, these are not subsidiaries of Alticomm, Inc. Alticomm still references the name of the company from whom the assets were purchased in an effort to analyze the results of each asset acquisition individually. The reference to Eastern Telephone (Alticomm's previous name) is again used to track the financial progress of the original business without the new asset acquisitions.



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- 2.) The Applicant has an existing line of credit sufficient to provide competitive, high quality service on an ongoing basis without putting customers at risk. A confidential copy of the line of credit is submitted in a separate envelope marked as such. In addition, the Applicant is in the process of obtaining certification on a nationwide basis which has been financial burdensome. The expenses associated with this endeavor are now nearing an end and operations are being initiated in the newly certified states. This expansion of operations and simultaneous reduction of expenses is intended to increase the Applicant's overall financial outlook.
- 3.) Section 3.3.3 of the Applicant's illustrative tariff has been amended to remove the rate stated for the federal subscriber line charge.
- 4.) Section 3.3.6 of the Applicant's illustrative tariff has been amended to reduce the ITSAP rate.

Please return the additional copy of this filing in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Monica Borne Haab

Enclosure

cc: James Cornblatt, Alticom  
(cover only)

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3.3 Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program (ITSAP) (contd.)

3.3.3 Lifeline Discounts - applied to tariffed monthly recurring rates and charges for qualifying residential customers.

Monthly discount (not to exceed the rate charged for the grade of subscribed residential basic local exchange service) is \$3.50.

Additional federal discounts may apply:

Tier 1 - Monthly service discount equal to the federal subscriber line charge.

Tier 2 - Monthly service discount for customers who have received non-federal regulatory approvals \$1.75

Tier 3 - Monthly service discount equal to one half of the amount of any state support up to a maximum of \$1.75

Tier 4 - Eligible residents of Tribal Lands may be eligible for discounts of up to \$25. This discount may not bring the local residential rate to below \$1.00 per month.

3.3.4 Linkup Discounts - applied to installation of new service, including line extensions, construction of facilities, etc., but shall not apply to customer premises facilities or equipment.

A service installation cost reduction of 50% up to \$30.00.

For an eligible resident of Tribal Lands, an additional reduction of up to \$70 may be applied to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130 assessed for initiating telephone service.

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**3.3.5 Rules**

- 3.3.5.1 Applies to Telecommunication service at the principal residence of the eligible subscriber/head of household.
- 3.3.5.2 A household is either an individual living alone or a group of individuals living together in common living quarters and facilities under such domestic arrangements and circumstances as to create a single establishment.
- 3.3.5.3 The eligible participant can receive assistance with telephone service installation costs only once at a residential address. However, if the participant moves to a new address, meets the eligibility criteria and is in good standing with the telephone service provider, there is no limit to the number of times the participant may receive assistance with telephone costs.
- 3.3.5.4 Nonrecurring charges to change to or from this program because of change in eligibility status will be waived.
- 3.3.5.5 Lifeline service is not available for foreign exchange service. Only one line per household will qualify for ITSAP discounts.
- 3.3.5.6 Customers participating in either of these assistance programs must notify the company of any changes that would affect qualification. Verification of eligibility will be established by the Department of Health and Welfare and will be reviewed annually.
- 3.3.5.7 When the customer is no longer eligible, the discount will be discontinued and regular tariff rates and charges will apply.

**3.3.6 Recovery**

The cost of providing assistance through ITSAP shall be recovered by imposing a monthly surcharge determined by the Public Utilities Commission and assessed on each line used for providing residential and business access. Participating ITSAP customers are exempted from this surcharge.

This amount of ITSAP recovery is determined annually by the Idaho PUC.

The rate is currently \$0.10 per line per month. (This rate subject to change upon annual Commission review.)

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