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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 3:00 PM
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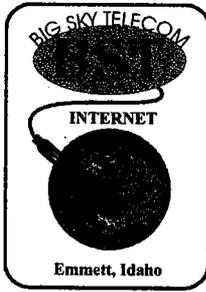
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Case: GNR-T-03-15
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Comment_description: I am concerned about this application in the State of Idaho and with direct name recognition to my company, formally established as an Idaho company operating in Idaho, federal tax ID of 82-09497863, state of Idaho seller's permit number 000679600-S. My company name and dba is: Big Sky Telecom, Inc. with Web Domain of bigskytel.com. Big Sky Telecom, Inc. is already a CLEC and an Internet Service Provider in Idaho. I personally feel this is not good business to allow an outside company with an "extremely close" name to Big Sky Telecom, Inc. to come in and compete with the similar service offerings. I have no concern about a company coming in and competing, however we have been an Idaho company since 1997, building a name and reputation and service for customers of Idaho. We as an Idaho company care about our name and have spent time, effort and money to build a solid name. I am concerned there will be great miscommunications and possible business problems. Please accept my comment in direct opposition to allowing this company to operate in Idaho with such a close name to Big Sky Telecom, Inc. I have sent a letter to the IPUC also opposing this application.

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August 18, 2003

Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commission Secretary,

I am writing you today in opposition to recent utility application Case No. GNR-T-03-15, Notice of Application, Order No. 29319. This matter is an application for "Idaho Big Sky Telecom" to provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services. I am concerned about this application in the State of Idaho. This Florida company is looking to apply to provide services similar to my company and with direct name recognition almost identical to my company Big Sky Telecom, Inc. Big Sky Telecom, Inc, was formally established as an Idaho company in November 1997 and is still operating in Idaho, federal tax ID of 82-09497863, state of Idaho seller's permit number 000679600-S.

Big Sky Telecom, Inc. with internet domain of bigskytel.com and bigskytel.net, is already a CLEC and an Internet Service Provider in Idaho. I personally feel this is not good business to allow an outside company with an "extremely close" name to Big Sky Telecom, Inc. to come in and compete with the similar service offerings. I have no concern about a company coming in and competing, however we have been an Idaho company since 1997, building a name and reputation and service for customers of Idaho. We as an Idaho company care about our name and have spent time, effort and money to build a solid name. I am concerned there will be great miscommunications and possible business problems. Please accept my comment in direct opposition to allowing this company to operate in Idaho as a utility with such a close name to Big Sky Telecom, Inc. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Regards,

Gerald "Jerry" Lambert
President
Big Sky Telecom, Inc.

CC: Carmine Russo, Partner Idaho Big Sky Telecom