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May 16, 2003

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Jean D. Jewell
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Secretary
472 West Washington Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Covista, Inc.

GMR-7-03-19

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and three (3) copies of Covista, Inc.'s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange telecommunications services within the State of Idaho. The company has no local exchange customers at this time in the State of Idaho and this is a new filing.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Lacey

Charlotte Lacey
Legal Assistant to Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Covista, Inc.

cc: A. John Leach

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF)
Covista, Inc.)
for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to)
Provide)
Local Exchange Telecommunications)
Services Within the)
State of Idaho _____)

CASE NO. *CNR-T-03-19*

APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY

Application is hereby made to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Covista, Inc., ("Applicant" or "Covista") to provide local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 61-526 through -528 and IDAPA 31.01.01.111 (Rules 111 & 112) as clarified by Procedural Order No. 26665 in Case No. GNR-T-96-4. The following general information and exhibits are furnished in support thereof:

- 1.) Applicant's legal name, address of its principal offices and telephone number are:

Covista, Inc.
721 Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
(423) 648-9500

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The Applicant has no office located in the State of Idaho. The Applicant intends to provide resold local exchange services and local services utilizing the UNE-P platform. Such services will be provided by utilizing the facilities incumbent local exchange carriers ("LECs"), as well as unbundled network elements..

2.) Applicant is incorporated in the State of New Jersey and is in good standing under the laws of that state. In addition, the Company is authorized to do business as a foreign corporation in the State of Idaho. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this Application is a copy of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as amended. A copy of Applicant's certificate of authority to transact business in Idaho is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

3.) The name and business address of Applicant's registered agent for service in Idaho are:

TCS Corporate Services, Inc.
5527 Kendall Street
Boise, Idaho 83706

4.) The names and addresses of the ten common stockholders of Applicant Owning the Greatest Number of Shares of Common Stock and the Number of Such Shares Owned by Each are:

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Shares Owned</u>	<u>Percentage of All Shares Issued & Outstanding</u>	<u>Percentage of Voting Control</u>
Covista Communications, Inc. 721 Broad Street, 2nd Floor Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402	420	100%	100%

5.) The names and addresses of Applicant's Officers and Directors are:

Officers:

A. John Leach	President & CEO
Thomas P. Gunning	CFO, Treasurer & Secretary
Kevin Alward	Chief Operating Officer

Directors:

A. John Leach
Kevin Alward
Henry G. Luken
Leon Genet
Jay J. Miller
Donald Jones
W. Thorpe McKenzie
Nicholas Merrick

Each can be reached at Applicant's primary place of business and telephone number as follows:

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6.) The Name and Address of Any Corporation, Association, or Similar Organization Holding a 5% or Greater Ownership or Management Interest in Applicant are as follows:

See answer to 4. above.

7.) The names and addresses of Subsidiaries Owned or Controlled by Applicant are as follows:

Not applicable.

8.) Applicant initially proposes to offer resold local exchange services and local services utilizing the UNE-P platform. Such services will be provided by utilizing the facilities of incumbent local exchange carriers ("LECs"), as well as unbundled network elements. Covista intends to provide all forms of local exchange telecommunications services including:

1. Local Exchange:

- A. Local Exchange Services for business and residence customers that will enable customers to originate and terminate local calls in the local calling area served by other LECs.
- B. Switched local exchange services such as flat-rated and measure-rated local services; vertical services, Direct Inward and Outward Dialed trunks, carrier access, public and semi-public coin telephone services, and any other switched local services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- C. Non-switched local services (e.g., private line) that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- D. Centrex and/or Centrex-like services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- E. Digital subscriber line, ISDN, and other high capacity line services.

Covista seeks authority to provide through its own facilities local exchange services throughout the State. Initially, the company will resell and provide local service utilizing the UNE-P platform. Applicant's local calling areas initially will coincide with the incumbent local exchange carrier's local calling areas. Applicant does not intend to service areas serviced by any LECs that are eligible for a small or rural carrier exemption pursuant to Section 251 of the Federal Telecom Act of 1996. If Covista installs equipment for the provision of local exchange services, it will probably use the following or a similar configuration of equipment, which is deployed in several other states: It will

provide voice, high speed data and internet access services through a combination of the latest technology switching and transport media comprised of the Lucent Technology 5 ESS Generic 13 switch, ADSL/SDSL transport and Internet service equipment and the latest Optical multiplexer DAC's configurations. The switching system consists of a central processing and control complex capable of interconnection as a peer to the incumbent as well as competitive local exchange companies. The hub portion of the switch will interconnect with the public switched network on Signaling System 7 ("SS7") or Feature Group D ("FGD") facilities. The system supports local number portability, the needs of the service bureau of LNP providers, and has ISDN primary interface support for call set-up for originations and terminations based on ANSI standards and offers ISDN implementation. The system's remote module capability will allow properties to be served in a manner that provides the exchange of appropriate signaling, control and calling/caller information to the network in accordance with network standards and specifications. Additionally, these services will be delivered over a combination of delivery mechanisms through incumbent local carriers' unbundled loop network, both copper and fiber and transport networks, as well as via constructed facilities. Applicant intends to provide service upon certification and finalization of interconnection agreements with the LECs.

Copies of Covista Communications, Inc. Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2002 and Form 10-Q for the period ended October 31, 2002, are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

10.) A map showing where Applicant is proposing to provide service is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

11.) A copy of Applicant's illustrative tariff is attached hereto as Exhibit 5. Applicant will file its proposed tariff establishing its proposed services and charges upon completion of interconnection and upon receipt of certification by the Commission.

12.) Questions concerning this application and Applicant's tariff should be directed to Applicant's representative:

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Customer Complaints and Inquiries are to be addressed to:

Tony Barrett, VP of Operations
721 Broad Street, 2nd Floor
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
(423) 648-9600/Phone
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tbarrett@covista.com

- 13.) Applicant has not initiated interconnection or resale negotiations.
- 14.) Applicant has reviewed the laws and regulations of this Commission governing local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho and will provide service in accordance with all laws, rules and regulations to the extent they are not preempted by the Federal Act.
- 15.) Applicant will not require advance payments or deposits, therefore, no escrow account is being filed.

WHEREFORE, Covista, Inc., requests that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission enter an order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Covista, Inc., to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 61-526 through -528 and IDAPA 31.01.01.111.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of May, 2003.

COVISTA, INC.

By: Lance J. M. Steinhart
Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for
COVISTA, INC. by Charlene Lacey
with expressed
consent

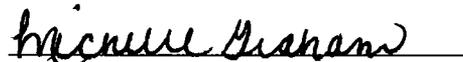
State of Tennessee

County of Hamilton

A. John Leach, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the President of Covista, Inc., the Applicant in the proceeding entitled above, that he/she has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of his/her knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and to those matters he believes them to be true.


A. John Leach
President

Subscribed and sworn to before this 21 day of March,
2003.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: January 10, 2006

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, AS AMENDED
EXHIBIT 2	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS
EXHIBIT 3	FINANCIAL INFORMATION
EXHIBIT 4	SERVICE AREA MAP
EXHIBIT 5	ILLUSTRATIVE TARIFF

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COMPLETE APPLICATION

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