

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)	
REVIEW OF ACCESS RATES OF LOCAL)	CASE NO. GNR-T-12-04
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES)	
PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL)	
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION)	
REPORT AND ORDER FCC 11-161.)	ORDER NO. 32534
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On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Order on Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation Reform. *In the Matter of Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, et al.*, WD Docket No. 07-135 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011). In the Order, the FCC adopted a framework to restructure intercarrier compensation for both intrastate and interstate telecommunications traffic exchanged with a local exchange carrier. The FCC directed that these access tariffs will ultimately result in a bill and keep arrangement between carriers. During the first phase of the restructuring, the FCC directed for most carriers that intrastate rates must be reduced by 50% of the differential between the carrier's intrastate and interstate access rates by July 1, 2012, using the methodology established by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §§ 51.907, 51-909 and 51-911. This requirement affects price cap carriers, rate of return carriers, and certain competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) with intrastate terminating switched end office and transport rates, originating and dedicated transport rates and reciprocal compensation rates that are above the carrier's interstate access rates.

To assist implementation of the FCC required reductions, the Commission determined to open a docket and direct all affected local exchange carriers, both incumbent carriers and competitive local exchange carriers, to file the appropriate tariff/price list revisions on or before June 1, 2012. A June 1, 2012, deadline will provide Staff, the Commission, and affected parties an opportunity to review the proposed tariff filings prior to the July 1, 2012 deadline established by the FCC. The tariff filings should include supporting calculations for the proposed transitional intrastate access rates.

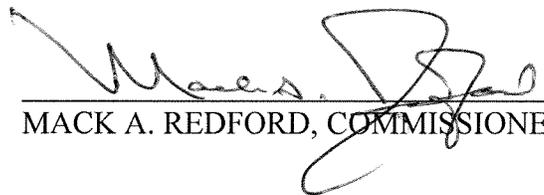
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this docket is opened to facilitate telecommunications carriers' compliance with the FCC requirement that new access tariffs be filed and effective July 1, 2012. To accommodate this review and comply with the FCC's rules at 47 C.F.R. § 51.907, § 51.909 and § 51.911, all access tariff filings with supporting documentation from affected telecommunication providers in Idaho must be filed in this docket by June 1, 2012.

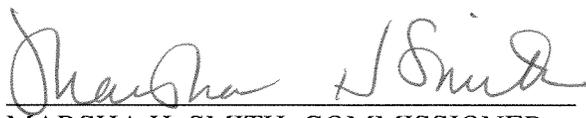
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of April 2012.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

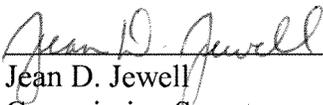


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