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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
IDACOMM, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CASE NO. IZ2-T-04-1
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.)	COMMENTS OF THE
)	COMMISSION STAFF
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COMES NOW the Staff of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, John R. Hammond, Deputy Attorney General, in response to Order No. 29450, the Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure in Case No. IZ2-T-04-1 issued on March 22, 2004, submits the following comments on IDACOMM, Inc.'s Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).

BACKGROUND

On March 12, 2004, IDACOMM, Inc. filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange services and emerging telecommunications services throughout the State of Idaho. IDACOMM is a wholly owned subsidiary of IDACORP, Inc. IDACOMM operates as a separate entity from its parent corporation. IDACOMM is organized under the laws of Idaho. The Company has filed a copy of its Certificate of Authority issued by the Idaho Secretary of State. IDACOMM currently provides advanced data communications and internet services in Idaho, and currently operates high speed fiber optic rings in Ada and Canyon counties.

Staff has reviewed the information provided by IDACOMM in its application and believes it satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rule of Procedure 111, IDAPA 31.01.01.111, and Procedural Order No. 26665 issued November 7, 1996, which sets out the necessary information to be included with an application for a certificate.

The application indicated IDACOMM intended to initially provide high speed data communications services to small and medium sized businesses, and gradually expand to bundling local exchange and long distance products with the existing data products, and also gradually expanding to the residential market. The application indicated the Company would provide local exchange services through a combination of its own facilities, leased facilities and unbundled network elements, as well as resold services. The application indicated the Company would initially provide service in the area currently served by Qwest, starting in the treasure valley, and expanding to other communities in Southern Idaho.

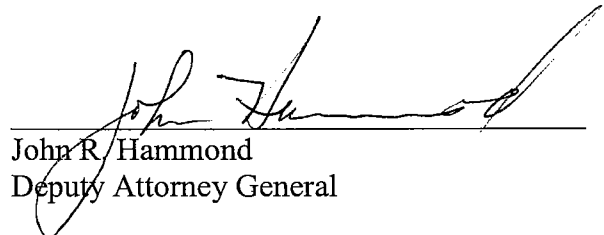
The application included financial information about the company that indicated the Company was in a satisfactory financial position. Staff is satisfied that the Company has the technical, managerial and financial strength to provide the services identified in the application.

IDACOMM specifically indicated in its application it will comply with all Commission rules. It has provided an illustrative tariff with its application that demonstrates an understanding of tariff requirements and processes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive local exchange service in Idaho be provided to IDACOMM, Inc.

Respectfully submitted this 12 day of April 2004.



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