BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MY CHOICE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA MCCI FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

CASE NO. MCC-T-06-01 ORDER NO. 30112

On March 30, 2006, My Choice Communications, Inc. dba MCCI (MCCI; Company) filed an Application with the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold and/or facilities-based local exchange services in Idaho exchanges currently served by Qwest. The Commission authorized the use of Modified Procedure to process the Company's Application with a comment deadline of July 20, 2006. Order No. 30077. Commission Staff was the only party to file comments, and recommended approval of the Company's Application. With this Order the Commission approves the Company's Application as more fully set forth below.

THE APPLICATION

According to the Company's Application, MCCI is a privately held corporation organized under the laws of the State of Idaho. The Company's principal place of business is located at Pocatello, Idaho. MCCI proposes to offer residential and small business basic exchange service as well as business class local loop connectivity and transmission necessary to connect business customers to interexchange carrier points of presence.

The Application states that the Company does not anticipate installing any physical plant at this time and will lease Qwest's unbundled network element platform. MCCI states that as the market for its services and its business plans dictate it may eventually lease or deploy its own switches within existing carrier hotels or other leased premises, but no physical construction of fiber optic or copper cables is anticipated, now or in the future. The Company is currently negotiating an interconnection agreement with Qwest. The Application contains a written statement that the Applicant is familiar with the Commission rules and agrees to comply with them. A proposed initial tariff was filed with the Application, and a replacement tariff was filed on June 20, 2006.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Based on its review of the Company's Application, Staff has determined that MCCI's filing complies with the Commission's requirements for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Staff believes that the Company understands and agrees to comply with the Commission rules and requirements. Staff recommended approval of the Company's Application.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based upon the comments and the record in this case, the Commission grants the Company's Application. When considering an application for a Certificate, the Commission must determine if the applicant has the necessary qualifications to provide service while still fostering competition in the local telecommunications market. Based upon our review of the filing and the record in this case, the Commission finds that MCCI's filing satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. Thus, we approve the Company's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This is consistent with our previous Orders granting authority to provide telecommunications services to carriers meeting the established requirements.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that My Choice Communications, Inc. dba MCCI is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive telecommunications services within the State of Idaho in the geographic areas currently served by Qwest and Verizon.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

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DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 16^{+1} day of August 2006.

PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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