# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF PRAXIS LIMITED	)	
CO.'S APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE	)	CASE NO. PLC-T-12-01
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND	)	
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL	)	
EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	<b>ORDER NO. 32688</b>
SERVICES	)	
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On July 19, 2012, Praxis Limited Co. applied to the Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) authorizing the Company to provide resold and facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) telecommunications services to residential, commercial, and bulk customers in Idaho. The Company submitted a revised Application on October 25, 2012. On November 7, 2012, the Commission solicited public input on the Application and set a November 28, 2012 comment deadline. *See* Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure, Order No. 32676. Commission Staff filed the only comments in the case and supported the Company's Application.

Having reviewed the record, we grant the Company's Application for a CPCN as set forth below.

### THE APPLICATION

In its Application, Praxis describes itself as an Idaho limited liability company that has been doing business as "A+ Satellite" since 2005.<sup>2</sup> The Company lists a Meridian, Idaho business address. Application at 2-4. The Company proposes to begin providing CLEC services by the end of 2012. *Id.* at 4.

Praxis says it retails satellite television service, Internet, and phone services and that it also builds and maintains private cable systems for commercial and bulk applications. *Id.* at 2. The Company says it will focus on serving the Treasure Valley during its first two years as a CLEC, and that its territory ultimately will include the parts of Idaho where CenturyLink serves

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "Application" in the remainder of this Order refers to the October 25, 2012 revised Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In its comments, Staff noted that its business entity search on the Idaho Secretary of State's website found the assumed business name "A+ Satellite & Installation," but not "A+ Satellite." It appears that Praxis's assumed business name is "A+ Satellite & Installation."

as the incumbent local exchange carrier. *Id.* at 3-4. The Company says its primary competition will be with CenturyLink, and that it also will compete with other CLECs. *Id.* at 4.

Praxis says it initially will offer service on a resale basis. But the Company's interconnection agreement with CenturyLink ultimately will enable it to offer facilities-based services. *Id.* at 4. Thus, while Praxis says it does not own or plan to build any specific facilities for carrying local exchange service, it says it would be interested in building such facilities as its business expands. *Id.* at 3 and 5.

The Company says it has reviewed and will comply with Commission rules. *Id.* at 5.

#### THE COMMENTS

Staff reviewed the Company's Application for compliance with applicable legal requirements for acquiring a CPCN, including RP 114, which specifies the information that a CLEC must include in its application. Based on that review, Staff believes the Company understands and agrees to comply with the Commission's rules and requirements. Staff also believes the Company possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to provide local exchange telecommunications services. Therefore, Staff recommended that the Commission issue a CPCN to the Company, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Company must comply with the number pooling and reporting requirements of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA).<sup>3</sup>
- 2. The Company must comply with all reporting and contribution requirements of Idaho's Universal Service Fund (USF; *Idaho Code* § 62-610; IDAPA 31.46.01), Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) program (*Idaho Code* § 61-1304; IDAPA 31.46.02); and Telecommunications Service Assistance (TSA) program (*Idaho Code* § 56-904);<sup>4</sup>
- 3. The Company must comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Commission Order No. 30425.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Commission Order Nos. 32637, 32524, and 32526.

- 4. Before the Commission issues the CPCN, the Company must file a final price list with all rates, terms, and conditions with the Commission;<sup>5</sup> and
- 5. The Company must relinquish its CPCN and all telephone numbers if, within one year of the issuance of a CPCN, the Company is not providing basic local exchange service in Idaho.<sup>6</sup>

#### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

Based on our review of the record, including the Company's Application and Staff's comments, we find that the Company's Application complies with RP 114. Thus, we approve the Company's Application for a CPCN to provide local exchange telecommunications services within Idaho, subject to the following conditions: (1) the Company must comply with the NANPA's number pooling and reporting requirements; (2) the Company must comply with all reporting and contribution requirements of Idaho's USF, TRS program, and TSA program; (3) the Company must comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers; (4) before the Commission issues the CPCN, the Company must file a final price list with all rates, terms, and conditions; and (5) the Company must relinquish its certificate and all telephone numbers if, within one year of the issuance of a CPCN, the Company is not providing local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho.

# ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Company's Application for a CPCN is granted subject to the above conditions.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in the 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See IDAPA 31.01.01.133 and Commission Order No. 26665 at 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Basic local exchange service' means the provision of access lines to residential and small business customers with the associated transmission of two-way interactive switched voice communication within a local exchange calling area." *Idaho Code* § 62-603(1).

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 3 rd day of December 2012.

AUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

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