

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	CASE NO. SAG-T-19-01
OF SAGE TELECOM COMMUNICATIONS,)	
LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)	
)	NOTICE OF
)	MODIFIED PROCEDURE
)	
)	ORDER NO. 34266
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On January 24, 2019, Sage Telecom Communications, LLC dba TruConnect (“TruConnect” or “Company”) applied to the Commission for an Order designating it as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in Idaho.

The Commission now issues this Notice of Application and Notice of Modified Procedure setting comment and reply deadlines.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Company seeks designation as an ETC throughout Idaho solely to provide Lifeline service to qualifying Idaho consumers.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company states it will not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”) for the purpose of participating in the Link-Up program or providing service to high cost areas.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company requests its designation as an ETC include the authority to participate in and receive reimbursement from the Idaho Telephone Service Assistance Program.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Commission’s office. These documents are also available on the Commission’s web site at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click on the “File Room” tab at the top of the page, then select “Electric Cases” and click on the case number as shown on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this case will be held pursuant to the Commission's jurisdiction under Title 61 of the Idaho Code and specifically *Idaho Code* §§ 61-502 and 61-503.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that all proceedings in this matter will be conducted pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 *et seq.*

NOTICE OF MODIFIED PROCEDURE

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter, and that it will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through .204. The Commission notes that Modified Procedure and written comments have proven to be an effective means for obtaining public input and participation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application **must file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within twenty-one days after the service date of this Order.** The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this Application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Company at the addresses reflected below:

**For the Idaho Public Utilities
Commission**

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at www.puc.idaho.gov. Click the "Consumers" tab then click the "Case Comment or Question Form" and complete the comment form using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Company shall file reply comments, if necessary, **within seven days following the comment period.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if no written comments or protests are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider this matter on its merits and enter its Order without a formal hearing. If written comments are received within the time limit set, the Commission will consider them and, in its discretion, may set the same for formal hearing.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application of the Company be processed by Modified Procedure, Rule 201-204 (IDAPA 31.01.01.201-.204). Persons interested in submitting written comments must do so within twenty-one days of the service date of this Order. The Company must file any reply comments within seven days following the comment period.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 7th day of March, 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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