

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF SAGE TELECOM, INC. FOR A)	CASE NO. SGE-T-07-01
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)	
PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE)	ORDER NO. 30546
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.)	

On August 15, 2007, Sage Telecom, Inc. filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunication services to and from all points in the State of Idaho. On March 21, 2008, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Modified Procedure soliciting comments on the Application from interested persons. No comments were received other than those filed by Commission Staff.

THE APPLICATION

The Company intends to begin offering basic local exchange services, custom calling features, and interexchange toll services (including toll-free services) to business and residential customers shortly after it obtains authorization from the Commission. The Company expects to negotiate with Qwest Corporation for the appropriate interconnection and service agreements and anticipates competing directly with Qwest for local exchange telecommunications services. Although the Company does not intend to immediately begin providing service in areas with small or rural local exchange carriers, it seeks statewide authority so that it may expand when market conditions warrant and as additional service areas become open to competition.

Sage Telecom is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas, its principal place of business. The Company has been authorized by Idaho's Secretary of State to transact business within the state and utilizes National Registered Agents, Inc., for service of process in Idaho. The Application states that the Company is authorized to provide services in 15 states, offering local and long-distance phone services and Internet access services throughout the former territory of Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the Company understands and agrees to comply with Commission rules and requirements. Furthermore, the information contained in

the Application satisfies the Commission's rules and requirements. *See* Procedural Order No. 26665; IDAPA 31.01.01.111. Staff believes that the Company possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to operate as a provider of telecommunications services. Staff, therefore, recommended approval of the Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Staff further recommended waiver of the Company's escrow account requirements as the Company will not be requiring deposits from its customers.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on our review of the filing and the record in this case, the Commission finds that the Company's filing satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. Thus, we approve Sage Telecom's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to allow the Company to provide telecommunications services within the State of Idaho. We further waive the requirement of an escrow account until such time as the Company begins to collect deposits from its customers.

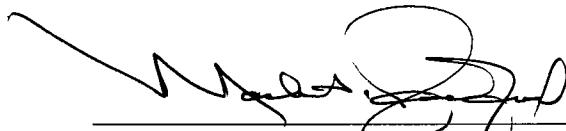
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sage Telecom, Inc. is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competitive telecommunications services within the State of Idaho.

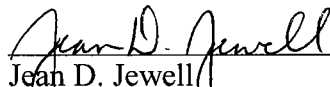
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the requirement to possess an escrow account is waived until such time as the Company begins to collect deposits from its customers.

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. *Idaho Code* §§ 61-626 and 62-619.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 1st
day of May 2008.


MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER
JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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