

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER RAPER  
COMMISSIONER ANDERSON  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE

**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** DECEMBER 31, 2015

**RE:** COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. DBA SILVER  
STAR COMMUNICATIONS' NEW TARIFF NO. 3 TO REPLACE  
TARIFF NO. 2 AND WITHDRAWAL OF SILVER STAR  
TELEPHONE COMPANY'S TARIFF NO. 5;  
CASE NOS. COL-T-15-01 AND SIL-T-15-01.

On December 24, 2015, the Commission received Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. dba Silver Star Telephone Company's ("Columbine" or "Company") amended tariffs pursuant to Commission Order No. 33423. Columbine submitted a new Tariff No. 3 to replace existing Tariff No. 2 (Silver Star Communications fka Teton Telecom) and seeks approval to withdraw the Silver Star Communications Tariff No. 5. The Company requests an effective date of January 1, 2016.

On December 31, 2015, Columbine submitted a revised Tariff No. 3 with changes requested by Staff.

### BACKGROUND

On October 29, 2015, Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc. ("Silver Star") and Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. filed an Application for Commission approval of the transfer of Silver Star's local exchange assets, operations, and certificated service area under Certificate No. 207 to its sister company, Columbine, and the subsequent cancellation of this Certificate. As designated under Certificate No. 207, Silver Star is the Title 61 incumbent local exchange carrier serving the Irwin and Wayan exchanges.

The Company also requested the amendment of Columbine's Certificate No. 329 to incorporate the Irwin and Wayan exchanges.

On November 24, 2015, the Commission approved the transfer of Idaho assets and operations, and the cancellation of Certificate No. 207. The Commission further approved the amendment of Certificate No. 329 to include the Irwin and Wayan exchanges "upon the Commission's receipt of the amended tariffs from Columbine." *See* Order No. 33423 at 3.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has reviewed Columbine's submission and believes the amended tariffs fulfill the requirements set forth in Order No. 33423. Staff recommends Commission approve the withdrawal of Tariff No. 5 and the new Tariff No. 3 with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission agree?

  
Grace Seaman

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