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## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )	
TELIAx, INC FOR REGISTRATION AS A )	CASE NO. TLX-T-18-01
RETAIL AND WHOLESALE )	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER IN )	COMMENTS OF THE
IDAHO )	COMMISSION STAFF
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**STAFF OF** the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, by and through its Attorney of record, Matt Hunter, Deputy Attorney General, submits the following comments.

### BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2018, TeliAx, Inc (“TeliAx”) filed an Application with the Commission, pursuant to Procedural Order No. 32277 and IDAPA 31.01.01.114, for registration as a retail and wholesale provider of telecommunications service in Idaho. Application at 2.

The initial filing contained multiple errors and was not in compliance with Idaho laws and the Commission Rules and Regulations. Staff worked with TeliAx’s consultants, and revisions to the Application were eventually submitted.

### STAFF ANALYSIS

TeliAx is a provider of telecommunications services incorporated in the State of Colorado and lists its principal place of business as Denver, CO. *Id.* at 2. TeliAx proposes to offer wholesale and retail competitive telecommunications service, including local exchange and

exchange access services, within the State of Idaho using its own facilities and services available from other facilities-based carriers. *Id.* Teliix states that, while it is requesting statewide authority, it intends to initially provide service in areas where CenturyLink is the incumbent local exchange carrier. *Id.* It intends to utilize its own switching facilities, as well as leased and resold transport facilities and services from other carriers. *Id.* Teliix provides its current profit and loss statements. *Id.*, Ex. D. It also provides a copy of its switched access service tariff (an updated version was provided to the Commission on March 11, 2019) and a website link to its rates, terms, and conditions. *Id.*, Ex. E.

On March 8, 2018, Idaho's Secretary of State certified that Teliix is authorized to transact business in Idaho. *Id.*, Ex. A. While Teliix does not maintain a place of business in Idaho, it lists Corporation Service Company, 12550 W. Explorer Drive, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83713, as its registered agent in Idaho. *Id.* at 2.

Teliix provides additional information related to its primary contact for Idaho customer complaints and interconnection agreement(s). *Id.* Finally, Teliix states that it will comply with all Idaho laws and Commission Rules and Regulations and acknowledges that if it obtains numbering resources in Idaho, it will be subject to numbering conservation, pooling, and utilization measures. *Id.* at 3.

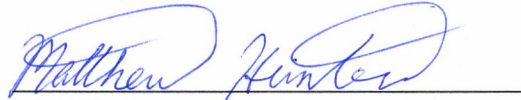
## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has reviewed Teliix's Application and believes Teliix understands Commission Rule of Procedure 114 and Commission Order No. 32277. Staff believes that Teliix possesses the requisite financial, managerial, and technical qualifications necessary to provide telecommunications services. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Teliix as a registered retail and wholesale communications provider subject to the following conditions:

1. Teliix shall comply with all number pooling and reporting requirements of the North American Number Plan Administrator, as set forth in Commission Order No. 30425 and Rule 114.08;
2. Teliix shall comply with all reporting and contribution requirements as prescribed by the Idaho Universal Service Fund, Idaho Telecommunications Relay System, and Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program;

3. Teliix shall comply with all future reporting requirements deemed appropriate by the Commission for competitive telecommunications providers; and
4. Teliix shall relinquish its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and all telephone numbers if, within one year of issuance of a CPCN, the Company is not providing local exchange telecommunications services in Idaho.

Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2019, SERVED THE FOREGOING **COMMENTS OF THE COMMISSION STAFF**, IN CASE NO. TLX-T-18-01, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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